

Evaluating Apps

Title Math IXL

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Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Have you played enough to know every aspect? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Did you try things that were wrong and/or unexpected	x		
Did the software crash?		x	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	x		It met the needs but wasn't the most engaging.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color, items on screen, sounds		x	
Is it easy to navigate?		x	For older students, it would be easy but not for younger students.
Is it easy to learn?	x		
Does the user need Supervision to use	x		The drawing tool may be distracting.
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)	x		When you get the answer wrong, the sliding bar moving backwards was discouraging.

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<p>Were there bells and whistles?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? 	x		<p>There was a speaker to read questions and a drawing tool. They can be helpful, but the drawing tool may also be distracting.</p>
<p>Did you like using the App?</p>	x		
<p>What was the cost?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there a "lite" version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If so, was it enough 	x		<p>The cost for one subject is \$9.95. For the combo pack it was \$15.95. For all subjects it was \$19.95. You can add Spanish for \$5 a month. The membership is effective for only one child. You can add an additional child for \$4 per month. On the free version, you could only answer 10 questions per day. It was not enough to rely on for classroom use.</p>
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 		x	

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How does it compare to other apps that do the same?			It's a good option. It gets the content across, but it was a little monotone and plan. Students might lose interest after a while.
Additional Comments			

Developmentally Appropriate

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Child Development and Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? • Provides for Learning New Content? • Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 	x		There are different levels depending on age/grade.
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 	x		There are staggered levels of difficulty depending on what grade is chosen. If the child misses too many questions, they cannot move past that level.

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<p>Social/Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bias?• Commercialism Comments		x	
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