

## Evaluating Apps

### Title Phet Simulation

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Phet Simulation is an iOS app. I would like to purchase this app for my class because there are a lot of science experiments that you can do digitally. It would be really helpful for when you can't physically do a lab because it is too dangerous, costly, or messy. It would also be very useful for right now, when hands on labs are next to impossible because of covid.

Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Have you played enough to know every aspect? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Did you try things that were wrong and/or unexpected</li></ul>	x		
Did the software crash?		x	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	x	x	Some of the simulations were appropriate, but others would be too difficult for 4 <sup>th</sup> graders.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Color, items on screen, sounds .....</li></ul>	x		
Is it easy to navigate?	x		You could browse for simulations or do a search.
Is it easy to learn?	x	x	You would need teacher facilitation to learn.
Does the user need Supervision to use	x		

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<p>If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)</p>	x		
<p>Were there bells and whistles?  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If so, do they enhance instead of detract?</li> <li>• If not, should there be?</li> </ul> </p>	x		<p>There were tons of options.</p>
<p>Did you like using the App?</p>	x		
<p>What was the cost?  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was there a "lite" version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If so, was it enough</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </p>	x		<p>The app was a one time cost of \$0.99. There was no lite version.</p>
<p>Were there in-app purchases?  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If so, what were the additional costs?</li> </ul> </p>		x	
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>			<p>It is very detailed. It is as if you were physically testing all sorts of science experiments.x</p>
<p>Additional Comments</p>			

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### Developmentally Appropriate

Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
<b>Child Development and Learning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subject Matter appropriate?</li> <li>• Educational Focus?</li> <li>• Provides for Learning New Content?</li> <li>• Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence?</li> </ul>	x		
<b>Individual</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does it match individual's abilities?</li> <li>• Does it meet individual's needs?</li> </ul>	x		
<b>Social/Cultural</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bias?</li> <li>• Commercialism Comments</li> </ul>		x	