

Evaluating Apps

Title: BrainPOP

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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 	✓		There were certain responses for right and wrong answers. There are many categories.
Did the software crash?		✓	It operated smoothly.
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	✓		It covers a vast amount of information. It can be appropriate for all content areas.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on screen, sounds 	✓		The main colors are blue and orange.
Is it easy to navigate?	✓		It is very well organized.
Is it easy to learn?	✓		Yes, almost everything is labeled.
Does the user need Supervision to use		✓	No, all material is educational and appropriate.
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)	✓		Yes, it recognized right and wrong answers with a sound accompanied by a robot shaking his head yes or no.
Were there bells and whistles? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? 	✓		There were sounds and images that moved in the app. They enhance

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			because they were subtle and communicated meaning.
Did you like using the App?	✓		It is so much fun!
<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 	✓		For full access it is \$6.99/month. The lite version is BrainPOP Explorer and it costs \$2.99/month. The basic app is free. The basic app is good for younger grades, but it would be more beneficial to older student if there was a subscription.
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 	✓		If subscription through the app counts.
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?	✓		This app offers free access to certain videos where others do not.
Additional Comments			It was really easy to use. It has many benefits for both teachers and students. It also has a Spanish version which would be great for ELLs.

Developmentally Appropriate

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<p>Child Development and Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? • Provides for Learning New Content? • Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 	✓		<p>It had material covering all content areas. It was very educational. Its purpose was to promote learning. It allows students to view and learn new content related to other topics. It follows appropriate teaching sequences by having students learn the material then review it by quizzing.</p>
<p>Individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 	✓		<p>It allows students to retake quizzes and try again when they get an answer wrong. It meets individual needs by providing multiple sources of information and related information on certain topics. It allows students to focus on what subject they need the most instruction in.</p>
<p>Social/Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		✓	<p>There was no bias that we found. The app is available in different languages to suit ELLs. Also, the videos feature letters written by students. The names and genders related to the names vary nicely to include many students.</p>