

Evaluating Apps

Title Grade 5 Math

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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 	✓		The app responded well to each selection I made.
Did the software crash?		✓	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	✓		It was educational and arranged by grade level. It was mathematics. It could meet the needs of the users if they had a subscription.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on screen, sounds 	✓		It was space themed. It had a space background and color schemes of navy blue and green. The sounds were also related to space and flying.
Is it easy to navigate?	✓		It labels all the categories and buttons nicely to let you know what they all do.
Is it easy to learn?	✓		It is a simple app.
Does the user need Supervision to use		✓	It is very educational. There are no off topic options on the app.

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<p>If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>When answered correctly, a space hippo would on the screen and offer a response. The same thing would happen for a wrong answer.</p>
<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? 	<p>✓</p>	<p>The theme of space was definitely an extra thing. It made the app cool, but I am not sure it enhanced the material. It did not relate the math to space in any way. There were some cases were a shooting star flew across the background. This could detract from concentration.</p>
<p>Did you like using the App?</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>This app was really neat. We think students would enjoy playing the math games on it.</p>
<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 	<p>✓</p>	<p>The app was free but there is a free trial offered. After the free trial, there is an option of \$9.99/month or \$4.99/month for subscriptions.</p>

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<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If so, what were the additional costs? 	✓	<p>The subscriptions were in-app purchases.</p>
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>	✓	<p>It is definitely appearing to be more of a fun, gaming type of app, but it does offer good math practice. I think it focuses more on making math fun than other apps such as Khan Academy.</p>
<p>Additional Comments</p>	✓	<p>We think this would be good for 5th grade students, but we are not sure if it would be good for a whole class. The app is very personalized to one student. Each student would need their own account.</p>

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 covered a lot of subject material. It was very focused on math. It provided practice for students. There was no teaching sequence present. It is a drill and practice app.</p>
<p>Individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does it match individual's abilities? 	✓		<p>It could be used to help students who are behind or a bit ahead.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Does it meet individual's needs?			
<p>Social/Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bias?Commercialism Comments		✓	There was no bias detected.