

Evaluating Apps

Title Total Recall

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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 	✓		This app provides many options! Bubbles are easy to delete and remake.
Did the software crash?		✓	It worked really well. It loaded fast.
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	✓		It opens for the first time into a tutorial/informational mind map. It could repeat the steps of linking and editing on the main screen. This would be very helpful to certain users.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on screen, sounds 		✓	The screen is very blank and absent of color.
Is it easy to navigate?	✓		Yes, and no. All the options are displayed at the bottom, which is nice. However, to edit a bubble you have to click on a category then on each bubble. This could be easier.
Is it easy to learn?	✓		It provides a map of information. It also is easy to learn because there are not many buttons.

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<p>Does the user need Supervision to use</p>	✓	<p>Students would probably have multiple questions because it is a little difficult to figure out certain settings.</p>
<p>If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)</p>	✓	<p>If you tap or double tap on an option, it instructs you on what to do.</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>There were bubble shape options, color options, and linking options that could move. The fonts could also be enlarged.</p> <p>The moving links could detract from the usefulness of the app. It is not necessary and could distract students.</p>
<p>Did you like using the App?</p>	✓	<p>It is a very simple app. We would prefer a more advanced version though, like Inspiration.</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>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 		✓
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>		✓

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			advanced as inspiration.
Additional Comments	✓		We like this app, but after discovering Inspiration is better we decided that we would probably use Inspiration over Total Recall.

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? 	✓		I (Hannah) believe it does have an educational focus because it allows individuals to map out their thinking. It also is good for organization which is good for students in writing classes (Annie). It does not follow a teaching sequence or provide new content to the user.
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 	✓		It is very simple, but it can be used in a more complex way to accommodate gifted and/or advanced students.
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		✓	Because there is not much content to the app and none is seen as biased, we believe there is no bias.