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## Duolingo

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*VERSION: 6.9.0*

*PUBLISHER: Duolingo*

*Target Audience:*

Elementary to Adult

*Curriculum:*

For learning a different language, for ELL students who need cognates for English/a secondary language. If you are doing a lesson over a unit that is about a different country this would be useful, or if you're in an English class and are reading a book that has words in a different language.

If you have a student who speaks a different language you can even try to learn their language with this app. If you have multiple students, that may be something that helps you relate more to them and connect with their background, even if you only learn a few words.

*COST: FREE*

There are ads that play but it keeps it free.

You can subscribe for Duolingo plus but it is not required to join the app. That just takes away the ads.

*Software Description:*

This app is green and white and has a little green bird on it. It looks quite young but can benefit a multitude of learners from any age range (that is above the general English comprehension skills of third grade).

-Once you have opened the app, you will need to click 'Get started' or 'I already have an account'

-Once you have clicked 'Get Started', it will ask for language

-It will ask to send notifications, this is necessary for the app to work for learners but if you are only using this once for a lesson it is not necessary.

-It will ask you to pick a goal

- "New to language" or "Already Know Some"

-It will begin with the basics, with pictures of men, woman, children, dogs, cats, to have you figure out basic phrases and words in the language.

-Little green bird comes out and waves at you when you are doing good!

-There is a green box at the bottom that says continue and a green progress bar at the top that shows your progress. There is an 'x' at the top that has you say if you want to continue or quit if you click it.

-After you have done one lesson it will ask you to create a profile. You can click later or create profile.

Once you've finished it will ask if you want to join Duolingo plus to get rid of ads. You can say no or even try for a 7 day trial. Once you say no, it takes you to your main page. At the top is a navigation bar with the flag of the language you are learning (which gives you the option to add a course or switch between them), the ability to learn 'Crowns' (which 'levels' you up in each language), a flame which stands for your daily goal and whether or not you have met it, and the number of gems you have to buy things with.

At the bottom of the main page, there is secondary navigation. There is three dots, one large blue one, a medium sized orange one, and a small red one, which takes you to this main page. The next is a heart, which takes you to your 'health' in the language you are learning. The next is a picture of a person, which takes you to your profile. The next is a picture of a coat of arms, which allows you to join clubs with other learners. And lastly is a treasure box, which is the shop.

#### *Impressions:*

This software is really fun and allows children to discover secondary languages at their own pace. It can be good for students who get confused at words in a different language or students who come from a different background and are trying to learn English. This software has really easy navigation that is simple and doesn't take a lot of time to understand. It takes you through the process of language acquisition to see where you are at and is a nice, step-by-step learning program where students can learn at their own pace. The screen design is nice and the colors work well with one another. The sound effects are simple but pleasant and the people speaking are easy to understand and speak clearly with enunciation. The feedback is effective and immediate and the little bird is very nice.

This app has both visuals and pronunciations which allow students to learn at a faster and easier rate.

#### *Does it pass:*

*Yes!*