
Grade 5 Math Problem Solver

VERSION: 5.5.1

PUBLISHER: StudyPad, Inc.

Target Audience:

Kindergarten to Fifth-grade students

Curriculum:

Math teachers could use this to help students who are behind in math and need more practice. It could also be used for a fun game within the class. The teacher could have students in small groups play math games and give points to students who got the most answers correct.

COST: FREE TRIAL

The subscription is \$9.99 a month or \$4.99 a month depending on if you choose the quarterly or the yearly plan. Each lets you choose a 1-week trial.

You do not have to choose a subscription but it won't let you do more than one math activity unless you buy the app.

Software Description:

This is a blue, 'futuristic' app that is all dark blue and light blue text. It has you sign in and start a free trial and verify your email before you can use the app. It is spaced themed. You can choose not to subscribe and you can start the games. There you can get coins by getting answers correct and that lets you buy things. The app has astronauts and spaceships. When it is loading it has a spinning spaceship. The questions are at the top of the screen in blue and the answers are at the bottom in purple. You can either click on the app to choose an answer or type an answer in if it requires you to type it in. If you get it right or wrong a pink cow/hippo in a space suit will say 'Fantastic' or 'Try Again'. It has soft background music. It keeps popping up the 'Choose Subscription' screen even though you technically do not need to buy it.

However, you may only access the very first math testing choices. They will not let you access more than one but will show you all of them.

At the bottom of the screen, you can swipe up and pull up a little pop-up box that lets you 'Change Profile', go to 'Help', 'View Reports' of your scores, go to 'Settings', and even turn off the music or sound options. There is a lot of noise in this app but it isn't loud and it fits the theme.

You can choose your player by clicking the bottom left corner of the screen on 'Hc', which is the Grade 5 default player. You may add a player but not unless you subscribe.

Impressions:

The free app is not a good app to use. It constantly pops up with 'Buy Me' boxes to try and get people to subscribe and pay money to use the rest of the app even though it calls itself a 'Free' app. This app is smooth, did not crash on us, and the sound effects were nice. The space theme was cool even though it did not make much sense and did not really connect to math. It looked pretty and seems like it might appeal to children who like space but need help with their math skills. This is definitely a 'drill and practice' app as it does not give directions much as to how to do the math problems. The navigation was super easy, the feedback was immediate and effective, but overall the app just had so many 'pop up' boxes to buy their subscription and they wouldn't let you do more than one free practice.

It was appropriate educationally, and age-wise, and if you bought the software it might be really helpful for students who have issues learning math but overall is not something we would recommend you getting for all your students in a classroom.

It's too complicated to sign into the app and students would not be good with dealing with all the pop-ups.

However, if you bought the app we could see it being really helpful to the students who needed it and it could be a fun way for students to pass time in a class. Perhaps if the teacher only bought it on one Ipad and let students take turns playing it that might work.

Does it pass:

If you bought the subscription, Yes.

If you don't, Hard Nope.