Khan Academy

Target Audience:

Middle School to High School

Curriculum:

This could be used a lot in classroom curriculum. Students could use this in any content area and use this to get caught up, to work on things, to learn new concepts, or even to stay ahead. This is really good for students who are learning new content. For teachers who are having issue teaching students content, this makes it simple to understand and is a great tutorial app while also could be used as a drill and practice app.

COST: FREE

There are no in-app purchases that we could see.

Software Description:

This is a learning app that has activities and practice questions in each content area. It has practice questions and instant feedback and gives a lot of 'hints' for students as they use this app. The first screen has a rotating picture wheel with interesting features and questions the app gives to you. It has an easy to use navigation bar and can be used offline. It has a search bar in the upper left-hand side and a sign in and bookmark button in the upper right-hand side of the app. It is a medium blue with lots of colors and easy to see navigation. It has a lot of different content area units to explore and they are separated by grade level. It can freeze up if it is used a lot.

It also has test prep.

Once you open up a course, it has a back button next to the search bar at the top. The navigation bar is the top bar with the back button to take you to 'All Courses', or the last page you were on, the search bar, the bookmark button, and the sign in button.

If you click on 'Grammar', you can begin and click on what part of grammar you want to work on and begin an exercise and response.

It has a check button at the lower bottom right that lets you check your work. On the lower left it has a 'draw' button that lets you draw or write on the page. If you do good it says 'Nice work!'. If you get one wrong it says 'Not Quite!'.

At the end of a unit, it has a skill summary and lets you see what you have left to practice as well as a unit test.

It doesn't have a lot of sound or bright colors and is easy to look at and use. It froze up a bit but never for long and the app did not crash on us. It could easily be used to teach new content and is really nice to use. The navigation bar is simple but easy to see and not hard to understand. The screen design is nice and simple but there isn't a lot of empty space. The feedback is effective and fairly immediate and nothing takes a really long time to load on this.

It goes from first grade all the way to college which is very useful. For students who are ahead, this app could be used to help them not be bored in class. For students who are behind, this is a good way to help scaffold their education in the classroom by letting them get caught up while other students continue to work on what they are doing.

The app did freeze up a bit if you touched it too much at once, like when you put your entire hand on the screen and tap with each finger. So if you have kids who are stimming, it might be good to let them know to find something else to touch rather than the screen.

Does it pass:

Yes.