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<u>Title</u> Brain Pop

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Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Have you played enough to know every aspect? • Did you try things that were wrong and/or unexpected	X		There was a lot of different things that this app offered! It was a very helpful ELA tool for those who weren't born into an English speaking family.
Did the software crash?		X	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	x		It was very appropriate for mid-level learners. This could also be used for a student who is transitioning to English.
Were the screens appealing? • Color, items on screen, sounds	X		Very appealing and attention grabbing.
Is it easy to navigate?	×		Very self- explanatory and uses many symbols to help guide the user.
Is it easy to learn?	×		I picked up on it immediately and navigated it without error.
Does the user need Supervision to use		×	The teacher may need to checkup on progress occasionally, but it doesn't need super supervision.

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If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)	X	It really helped guide the user into the write answer. It gave positive feedback!
 Were there bells and whistles? If so, do they enhance instead of detract? If not, should there be? 	×	They enhance, they only go off when the answer is correct.
Did you like using the App? What was the cost? Was there a "lite" version If so, was it enough	X	There was a lite version that allowed for free lessons on all levels. It wasn't the same as the purchased version but still provided to be useful and
Were there in-app purchases? • If so, what were the additional costs?	X	educational. The in app purchases unlocked all 30 lessons for each level. It was \$60 for an unlocked version.
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?		I would say its better than most apps the same. The purchased version would really benefit a student who needs it. Its user friendly and extremely engaging.
Additional Comments		Will keep this app information for future use. It's

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	goal is to teach
	students English.

Developmentally Appropriate

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 Child Development and Learning Subject Matter appropriate? Educational Focus? Provides for Learning New Content? Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 	X		Provides lots of new learning content, has a sequence of how events should be taught, and is very focused on educating the student on different aspects of ELA.
IndividualDoes it match individual's abilities?Does it meet individual's needs?	X		YES on both!!! Very very useful and helpful to the users' needs and abilities. There are three different levels depending on the ability of the student.
Social/Cultural Bias? Commercialism Comments			Focused on Spanish speaking students, but could be useful for all students who don't speak English and need a base to start at.