

Evaluation Write-Up

App Title: Endless Reader

Version: 3.6

Publisher/Producer/Creator: Originator Inc.

Target Audience: The publisher says 4+ and that seems pretty accurate. It's great for early elementary and students struggling to learn sight words.

Type(s) of Software: I put this in the tutorial category since students can learn new words with this app without needing any previous knowledge about them. The app has text-to-speech features, teaches the students how to spell the word, and puts it in a sentence. It could be used as a drill and practice if the teacher has already taught these words, but the students can learn directly from the app. It could also be discovery learning if the teacher lets the students determine which words they want to learn.

Curriculum(s): This would be great for students to practice already learned sight words or for them to be introduced to new words. It could be used as a "bell-work" activity, as part of the instruction sequence in learning new sight words, or given as an assignment while the teachers work with other students in groups.

Cost: The free version of the app contains 6 free words. Packs of 26 words (one for each letter of the alphabet) can be purchased for \$6 each. The four packs of level 1 words can be purchased for \$12 each. The same goes for the level 2- and 3-word packs. All 12 packs (341 sight words) can be bought for \$30.

Software Evaluation:

This app is all about sight words. When you open it, you're immediately greeted by a monster holding a sight word that starts with the letter 'A.' As you scroll to the right, more sight words appear in alphabetical order, one for each letter. For the free version, only level 1 words A-G are available, but the rest of the alphabet and more packs levels 1-3 can be purchased. Upon selection of the word you want to learn, it is presented to you and said aloud. The letters are then scrambled for you to put back in order on top of a template of the word. Once the letters are matched, the word is said aloud again. On the next screen, there are 2-

3 sight words to use to fill in the blanks to complete a sentence. These words just have to be matched to their template and are spoken aloud when selected. There is also a button on the screen that will have the app read the sentence aloud to you. Once the sentence is complete, it will move you on to the next immediate word, or you can go to the app's home screen to select a new word.

I absolutely love that this app is just focused on sight words. Since sight words are learned just by memorization, multiple presentations in different formats are essential. I would want to purchase the \$30 version if it was available for all student devices for that price. I hate that it does cost that much, but for that price, you get 341 high-frequency sight words, so I'd say it's worth it unless you have to pay that for each device. It's super easy to navigate and students have unlimited attempts to make the word and put it in a sentence. It doesn't take very long for one word either, so that students do not become bored with the same word. Since it takes just a minute or less for one word, several words could be learned and reviewed each day in just a 5-to-10-minute period. It could also fit just about anywhere in the day, making it a great transition activity.

Does the software pass **Review**? Yes

Does the software pass **Evaluation**? Yes