Evaluating Apps – Mini Checklist

Title: Total Recall
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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		It's a simple app and exploring it doesn't take much time at all.
Did the software crash?		X	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	X		It's great for creating graphic organizers.
Were the screens appealing? • Color, items on screen, sounds ……		X	It's a really simple tool app. It isn't flashy or appealing, necessarily, but it gets the job done.
Is it easy to navigate?	X		It's a very simple structure that you instinctively understand how to navigate. There are also great directions.
Is it easy to learn?	X		As we stated before, super simple app. Instructions are there, but you almost don't need them.
Does the user need Supervision to use		X	A student or group can do this on their own.

If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)			N/A
Were there bells and whistles? • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be?		X	There weren't really any bells or whistles. We think the simplicity of the app makes it easy to use and less distracting or confusing.
Did you like using the App?	X		We can see how it would be great for student to use as graphic organizers.
What was the cost? • Was there a "lite" version o If so, was it enough	X		$1.99 for the full app. I think it'd be worth it. The Lite Version was enough though. It is limited to three mind maps, but you should be able to get by with that if you export your finished maps and delete them.
Were there in-app purchases? • If so, what were the additional costs?		X	Not after the initial purchase.
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?	X		It is a lot simpler than many similar

			apps, but it's cheaper (even if you pay the $1.99) and we don't feel that the simplicity is a bad thing.
Additional Comments		X	

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	It is a tool app. It can be used for educational purposes, but it is not created to provide new content or teach something. Teachers and students can create graphic organizers that help students learn or retain new learning though.
Individual • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs?	X		It's easy to use and you can make it your own. There are not very many choices, but I think any student could use this at some level.
Social/Cultural • Bias? • Commercialism Comments		X	There didn't seem to be a bias. There weren't any commercials other than that for the full paid version.