# Evaluating Apps

# <u>Title</u> Starfall

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Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
<ul> <li>Have you played enough to know every aspect?</li> <li>Did you try things that were wrong and/or unexpected</li> </ul>	x		
Did the software crash?		X	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	x		Great for math, reading, and language arts!
Were the screens appealing?  • Color, items on screen, sounds	×		Very colorful with great sound effects and graphics!
Is it easy to navigate?	X		
Is it easy to learn?	X		
Does the user need Supervision to use		x	Easy for students to navigate and no ads!
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)	x		Let students know if the answer was wrong and did not move on to the next problem until they got it correct.
<ul> <li>Were there bells and whistles?</li> <li>If so, do they enhance instead of detract?</li> <li>If not, should there be?</li> </ul>	X		Not over the top. Enhanced learning and made it fun.
Did you like using the App?	×		
What was the cost?		X	

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Was there a "lite" version     If so, was it enough		Lite version was free and offered limited amount of games/ home membership \$35/yr. and
Were there in-app purchases?  • If so, what were the additional costs?	×	teacher membership \$70/yr.
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?		This app focuses on the drill and practice of several subject areas instead of just one.
Additional Comments		

## **Developmentally Appropriate**

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<ul> <li>Child Development and Learning</li> <li>Subject Matter appropriate?</li> <li>Educational Focus?</li> <li>Provides for Learning New Content?</li> <li>Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence?</li> </ul>	×		Aligns with Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Grades Pre-k through 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade will love this app.
<ul><li>Individual</li><li>Does it match individual's abilities?</li><li>Does it meet individual's needs?</li></ul>	X		
Social/Cultural  Bias? Commercialism Comments		×	

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