

Evaluating Apps

Title PBS Kids

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Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Have you played enough to know every aspect? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did you try things that were wrong and/or unexpected 	X		
Did the software crash?		X	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	X		It is mainly for home use.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on screen, sounds 	X		
Is it easy to navigate?	X		
Is it easy to learn?	X		
Does the user need Supervision to use	X		User would need supervision when choosing appropriate shows to watch.
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)		X	
Were there bells and whistles? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? 	X		I did not find them distracting

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Did you like using the App?	X		
What was the cost? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there a "lite" version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If so, was it enough 		X	Free
Were there in-app purchases? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 		X	
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?			It was a free app for students to watch tv shows.
Additional Comments		X	

Developmentally Appropriate

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Child Development and Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? • Provides for Learning New Content? • Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 		X	For home use mainly, unless the students have free time in class.
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 	X		

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Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bias?• Commercialism Comments		X	

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Version: 4.3.4

Publisher: PBS Kids

Target Audience: Ages 4+

Types of Software: Tutorial, students are able to choose shows that they have never seen where new information may introduced.

Curriculum: Depends on the show you pick.

Possible Environment(s) and why: Mainly home because it is used for enjoyment. It could be used in the classroom to reinforce a lesson or for free time.

Cost: Free

Description: PBS Kids software is a fun app for kids to watch shows that are appropriate. PBS Kids is parent approved. It provides a safe opportunity to watch television shows that could offer new educational knowledge. Impression: I believe that this app would be more useful at home. Educational lessons can be used within the shows. We do not think that a teacher would use it during their instructional class time.

Does the software pass APPS: Yes