

Evaluating Apps

Title: My Planet Simulation

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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	✓		Yes I let my planet run out of sun and water and it died.
Did the software crash?		✓	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	✓		Yes the content was easy to follow once you read the directions.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color, items on screen, sounds	✓		It was colorful and there were sounds that could be turned off.
Is it easy to navigate?		✓	At first, I was unsure how to navigate through the app. Then I found the instructions, read them and was able to play properly.
Is it easy to learn?	✓		There are instructions.
Does the user need Supervision to use	✓		If this app was used for children, they would need to

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		be supervised to they do not click on an app or try to purchase the paid version
<p>If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)</p>	✓	<p>Yes you must complete different tasks to keep the planet alive. If you do not complete the task, it will die. This makes sense because students need to learn that our planet is important, and we must take care of it.</p>
<p>Were there bells and whistles?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? 	✓	<p>There is are bars at the top that tell you if your sunlight, water or vegetation levels are too high or low. It gives the player ample time to try and save the planet before it dies.</p>
<p>Did you like using the App?</p>	✓	<p>Yes this app was intriguing and fun to use. It kept your adrenaline</p>

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			pumping because you have to work to keep the planet alive.
<p>What was the cost?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there a "lite" version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If so, was it enough 		✓	
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 	✓		If you wish to remove ads, there is a fee of \$1.99.
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>			This is the first time I have ever used an app like this before.
<p>Additional Comments</p>			It was fun and educational as you must give the planet enough water, sunlight, and vegetation to keep it alive.

Developmentally Appropriate

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<p>Child Development and Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? • Provides for Learning New Content? • Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 	✓		<p>This app is good for learning about the importance of taking care of our planet. You must keep track of its sunlight, water, and vegetation. Too much or too little of any of those could kill the planet. This could be a fun game for a science project.</p>
<p>Individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 	✓		<p>It was easy to navigate through once I got the hang of it. There are directions included.</p>
<p>Social/Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 	✓	✓	<p>There were no biases but there were apps that could be removed if you paid the fee.</p>