

Evaluating Apps

Title: PBS Kids Kart Kingdom

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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	✓		I tried hitting the wrong answer on few different games and it allowed me to retry.
Did the software crash?		✓	It did not crash but at times it did move slow or buffer between screens.
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	✓		It was educational and fun to use.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color, items on screen, sounds	✓		It was colorful and there was music playing in the background
Is it easy to navigate?	✓		Yes it lead you through getting signed on and started.
Is it easy to learn?	✓		Yes there are instructions for different activities and games.

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<p>Does the user need Supervision to use</p>		✓	<p>Only when signing on would the user need supervision. The games and activities are quite easy to use.</p>
<p>If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)</p>			<p>n/a</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 were colorful pictures, movement and sounds/music. It kept our attention when we were using it.</p>
<p>Did you like using the App?</p>		✓	<p>It was fun and educational.</p>
<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>There was no initial cost.</p>
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 		✓	<p>It was quite kid friendly with no ads or in app purchases that we saw.</p>
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>			<p>This app had clear instructions and a help icon. A lot of</p>

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			other apps we have evaluated did not have this option.
Additional Comments			

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? 	✓		The app says it's for children ages 6-8 and that seems reasonable. The activities and games are educational and make sense for the level which it states it is aimed for.
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 	✓		We allowed 7 year old to try and use the app on his own. He was able to navigate through the app and play the educational activities with ease.
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		✓	There are characters of every color, which gives it a multicultural feel. There were no commercialism comments.

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