

Evaluating Apps

Title: Total Recall

Evaluators

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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		Teachers could provide a mind map or students could create their own for the writing process or the food chain in science.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color, items on screen, sounds	X		Various shapes, colors, sizes, and arrows.
Is it easy to navigate?	X		Yes, once you have figured out what each button does.
Is it easy to learn?		X	It will take time and effort to work this app.
Does the user need Supervision to use		X	The app does not allow for internet access or any sort of chat room.

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<p>If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)</p>		X	<p>There was no in app response.</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? 	X		<p>You can play the video of your bubbles and it will show you an animation.</p>
<p>Did you like using the App?</p>	X	X	<p>It was very frustrating to try and figure out how to navigate bubbles, and arrows.</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 	X		<p>There is a free version which is limited to 3 mind maps.</p>
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 	X		<p>You can upgrade to "Mind Map Unlock" for \$1.99.</p>
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>		X	<p>It compares to Inspiration. Inspiration is easier to navigate and is laid out better.</p>

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<p>Additional Comments</p>			<p>To start you click the + to create a new map. From there you can add text to your bubbles, and change the color of the texts and bubbles.</p> <p>Developer: Zyense</p> <p>Can send maps by email to other users.</p> <p>Universal app for iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. So, may not work for any android or Chrome devices.</p>
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Developmentally Appropriate

Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
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		If the teacher provided students with one with information already then it could provide for learning new content. But, if students are creating their own then they are only providing their background knowledge, not new content.

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			This could be used for any subject area.
<p>Individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 		X	This app was challenging to learn and navigate. This would not be appropriate for younger students, or students without any prior knowledge of how this app works. If you decided to use this app to enhance a lesson you would need to provide scaffolds so each student was able to understand.
<p>Social/Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		X	We did not encounter any biases.