



Title	News O Matic
Version	5.9.5
Publisher or Producer	Press4kids Inc
Target Audience	Ages 6-14
Types of Software with your Justification	News O Matic is a Discovery and Learning app because the student has full control over what they want to learn. News O Matic has numerous news articles that cover a wide range of topics
Curriculum	As part of 2 nd grade curriculum, by the end of the school year students are to comprehend informational texts. This app can be incorporated into a lesson plan to ensure this standard is met. Furthermore, teachers can adapt this to a lesson plan to research a newspaper and inspire a newspaper article project.

<p>Cost</p>	<p>Free Trial</p> <p>This one is sneaky, it says free 30-day trial but we cannot find the actual cost after 30 days. It states payment is charged to I-Tunes and automatically renewed. Cancellation can happen at any time.</p>
<p>Description of the Software</p>	<p>News O Matic is a daily newspaper for young people. Five new articles are added each day. News O Matic continuously offers news articles, covering a vast amount of subjects for various reading levels. The app also provides quizzes, reads to users, and games. Readers can react to the news by writing or drawing. Three different reading levels are available to readers to choose from. Students as well as teachers can create an account.</p>
<p>Impression of the Software</p>	<p>We think this is a great app for students. It can be adapted in the classroom or also suggested to parents to help youth explore various topics. I enjoy the vivid colors of the app. Many students are drawn to fiction, but this app can help promote news articles and works of nonfiction. Current events are something students should be learning more about at a younger age and can do so through this app. Encourages reading.</p>
<p>Pass APPS</p>	<p>To discover and learn this app passes the apps test. We love how this begins students on the path to understand current events. Many areas of education and being met, reading, current events, writing skills, search skills, testing their knowledge, etc. This app is for 6-14 but as adults we enjoyed it just as much. This might be where we decide to get our news from. The colors are fun, and some articles are read aloud creating a world of multimedia.</p>

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Evaluators: Lindsay Lewis and Megan Scott

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	The software did not crash.
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	X		
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on the screen, sounds 	X		The colors and pictures draw you in. Areas to draw and keep notes are provided. Maybe an editor will respond!
Is it easy to navigate?	X		5 new current stories are added daily. All it takes is a swipe.
Is it easy to learn?	X		
Does the user need Supervision to use?	X		The articles are written to fit the age level of the app. Supervision can be available to help answer questions, but it is not required for navigation.

<p>If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)</p>	<p>X</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>X</p>		<p>Some articles are read aloud and enhance the app. Games and fun facts are also part of the app.</p>
<p>Did you like using the App?</p>	<p>X</p>		<p>This is a great app to be used in or outside the classroom.</p>
<p>What was the cost?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there a "lite" version • If so, was it enough 		<p>X</p>	
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 		<p>X</p>	
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>	<p>X</p>		

Additional Comments			
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Developmentally Appropriate

Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Child Development and Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? • Provides for Learning New Content? • Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 	X		New content is added daily. Articles are written age appropriately.
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match an individual's abilities? • Does it meet an individual's needs? 	X		
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		X	