

Evaluating Apps

Title: Prodigy on Apple iPad

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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		
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on screen, sounds 		X	This app is sort of boring with not too many interactions.
Is it easy to navigate?	X		
Is it easy to learn?	X		
Does the user need Supervision to use		X	There is only one place to be on the app, so the child could do it on their own.
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)	X		There is a button that you can press to have it talk and read it to you.
Were there bells and whistles? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? 		X	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If not, should there be? 			
<p>Did you like using the App?</p>	x		<p>I think it would be beneficial to students who are struggling with math.</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	X	<p>All the educational content is free, but if you want to level up faster and get tons of pets gear, full access to all game areas, and extra rewards then you can get a membership. \$4.99 a month for 12 months or \$59.98 a year. \$7.95 a month for 6 months or \$47.70 a year \$8.95 a month Can be cancelled at any time.</p>
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If so, what were the additional costs? 		X	
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>	X		<p>It just has math practice problems.</p>

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Additional Comments			
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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		
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 	X		Each student can have their own username and password, so it will record their progress.
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		X	

Version: 3.4.1

Publisher: SMARTeacher Inc

Target Audience: The age rating says 9+, but the app says it is Math practice grades 1-8.

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Type: This app is Problem solving because the students are presented with a question and they have to come up with the answer. The answer is not given to them unless they try and answer it first.

Curriculum: This can be used as a great alternative of doing worksheets, the students can work on this instead of their regular classwork. It could also be used for students who are struggled in the subject math.

Cost: You can pay for a premium membership that levels up faster, but if you don't want a subscription, then all of the educational content is free.

When you open up this app, it requires you to login. You can login with google or a username. When the student is set up for the account, they are automatically put through a placement test to determine the appropriate starting grade. The assignments insert selected skills into each of the games for the students to do when they play next. The parent or teacher gets a report of their progress. Prodigy is mostly a mathematics game that can be used in the classroom to get the students engaged in a lesson. The students are engaging in a lesson while they are having fun.

I enjoy this app mostly for older students just because I feel like they will stay focused on it. Younger children may get more bored with it easily. I think this is a great way to get students to engage in proving their math skills. There is state curriculum that is incorporated into the activities, so that is great for teachers. I think this would be a good app to give students if they had to be home because they were sick. It would teach them the skills they needed if the teacher was unable to.