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Title River Crossing (problem solving)

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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		The content was great for teaching children how to problem solve.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on screen, sounds 	X		The items on the screen and the colors were appealing.
Is it easy to navigate?	X		The app was easy to navigate and gave directions on what to do from the start.
Is it easy to learn?	X		The app was very straight forward and easy to use.
Does the user need Supervision to use	X		Students may need some supervision depending on their age because there are pop up ads in this app that can take students to the Internet. The teacher may just

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			need to be mindful of this and have the students inform the teacher if they accidentally click on one of the ads.
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)	X		The app required the user to pick the order the people and objects went across the river, and this response always seemed to be right.
Were there bells and whistles? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? 	X		
Did you like using the App?	X		For the most part, we liked using the app.
What was the cost? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there a "lite" version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If so, was it enough 	X		There was no cost to use this app; it was free.
Were there in-app purchases? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 		X	There were also no in-app purchases.
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?	X		For the most part, this app is kid friendly and teaches kids about the steps of problem solving.

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Additional Comments			
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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? 	X		<p>The subject matter for this app is appropriate. Although this app isn't necessarily teaching anything new, it gives students exposure to how to solve problems and how to improve their problem-solving abilities.</p>
<p>Individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 	X		<p>This matched individual's abilities and needs because it allows the user to choose which level they want to play. It also allows them to master these levels and move on to harder levels if the student needs more of a challenge.</p>
<p>Social/Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 	X		<p>There are not any cultural differences among the characters in the app. All of the people characters are white men and women. There is no diversity.</p>