

Evaluating Apps

Title: Spelling City

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| Questions | Yes | No | Comments/ Notes |
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| 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 is geared for younger ages, focusing on spelling, writing, and phonic skills. |
| Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on screen, sounds | X | | A lot of yellow an purple, changing screens for each game played. |
| Is it easy to navigate? | X | | |
| Is it easy to learn? | X | | |
| Does the user need Supervision to use | | X | |
| If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong) | | X | Does not tell the student why something is incorrect, rather just moves on to the next question. |
| 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 | | Not many bells and whistles on the free version |

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| <p>Did you like using the App?</p> | | X | <p>The free version could be better. It is very slow in response and</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 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 14 days for premium benefits and you dont have to add a credit card |
| <p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If so, what were the additional costs? | x | | <p>premium membership for one-year is \$34.95 but can only have up to 5 students. benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● standards aligned ● word study playlists for all grades ● automatically graded spelling test ● student data and progress tracking ● automatically graded vocabulary test ● builds vocabulary, phonics, writing skills ● no ads ● over 40 games and activities |
| <p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p> | | | <p>Other spelling, phonics, and</p> |

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| | | | writing apps are not as moldable to meet individual needs like this app, however it is not the most exciting app and is very slow. |
| Additional Comments | | | the app from the app store is only designed for students of premium members |

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 | | This is a good app for a quick, short use. It is slow and does not have a lot of options other than the 3 games offered. |
| Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Does it match individual's abilities? ● Does it meet individual's needs? | X | | Students, teachers, or parents enter in the info they wish to study, so it is centered on the students current knowledge, or what is just out of reach. |
| Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bias? ● Commercialism Comments | | X | |