

Evaluating Apps

Title

Duolingo

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		Nothing unexpected, it was extremely impressive and I was amazed at what it held and the capability it did.
Did the software crash?		X	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	X		Yes it allowed for the user to have the option of what you are using it for and the level you are at and whatever language you want.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Color, items on screen, sounds	X		Appealing and eye grabbing but also were simple enough you focused on what was being taught
Is it easy to navigate?	X		Very simple layout and easy to navigate.
Is it easy to learn?	X		It's laid out to be this lesson then this one and so on.
Does the user need Supervision to use		X	It's all do it yourself at your own pace at your own level.

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If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)	X		
<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		It had a ding when the question was correct and a noise when the answer was wrong. It also spoke words and phrases out loud that could assist the user.
Did you like using the App?	X		This was a fun no frustrating way to learn Spanish. It celebrated at every accomplishment and made us happy to continue to learn.
<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		The light version is enough to get an understanding of the language and what it in tells.
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 	X		<p>12 month package \$79.99</p> <p>6 Month \$47.99</p> <p>You get offline lessons and no adds. Never run out of hearts you can use it all day or whenever possible.</p>
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?			I would say this is the best app for this idea. It does its job so well and is very effective.

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Additional Comments			Tutorial app. You learn all new skills through this app and don't need outside help or knowledge.
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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? 			Mostly for upper middle grades rather than lower, but could be used as a class for lower grades. During a Spanish study or to celebrate Cinco De Mayo this would be a very useful app. When a non-English speaking student comes and joins the class, using this app can show an appreciation to that student and give everyone better communication with him/her.
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 	X		It really allows students with no background to start from square one or students who are familiar with the language to grow and expand their knowledge
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		X	Not biased but it allows for cultures to interact and communicate.