

Recommended Education Apps for ipad and tablets (both free apps and paid apps)

Word Wizard

Word Wizard is a spelling game for older children, where children use virtual Scrabble-like letters to spell the words they're asked to. The great thing about this app is that you can add your own words to spell and test your kids on those - and track how they did. Fun, interactive animations appear on the screen as a reward for when words are spelt correctly.

Twinkl Apps

There are a number of these apps, some of which are free to download. Try TwinklLTE, PhaseFiveLTE, PhaseFourLTE for starters. These apps are great for reinforcing the letters and sounds phonics program that we follow in school. It teaches the phonemes and has fun, interactive games to reinforce learning.

Kids Writing Pad

This is a basic large-lined writing pad useful for practicing numbers and letters. It has a middle dotted line between two solid lines similar to the guidelines that we use in school so children can practice having the appropriate parts of the letters or numbers in the right areas. Children can also choose the color of their pencil, use an eraser, or touch the big eraser to erase the entire page.

Sentencebuilder

This is an app that helps children learn to build grammatically correct sentences about a given picture. Special attention is paid to the connective words. This is quite an expensive app.

Story builder

This is a multi-purpose app designed to teach story structure. In the process, students learn sentence structure, sequencing, and inferencing. The app develops comprehension by asking children to respond to questions about a picture, helping them to structure the story. The child's answers are recorded within the app. Then the answers are put together to form a story. There are multiple levels included in the app; level two requires inference skills. This is quite an expensive app.

Popplet

This app works as a mind mapping tool. You can also use the app to begin structuring the writing process.

Toontastic

This is a creative learning tool that empowers kids to draw, animate, and share their own stories through imaginative play. Toontastic teaches key storytelling principles. Children are walked through creating the story arc: setup, conflict, challenge, climax, or resolution. Creating a story is as easy as putting on a puppet show — children simply press the record button, move the characters onscreen, and tell their stories. Once they're done, Toontastic will play back their animation and voice as a cartoon for them to share with friends and family.

Squeebles (paid)

A group of apps that can be purchased separately or as a bundle. The apps can support times tables, fractions, spelling and more.