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# iPad Apps for Literacy



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## Letter ID/Sounds



### Beginning Sounds Interactive Game

by Lakeshore Learning Materials



Cost: \$0.99

**Recommended Ages:** 4-6

Kids match words that share the same beginning sound. They drop the tokens onto the correct columns on their board. Incorrect placements go back to the end of the line.

### ABC Alphabet Phonics – Alphabet Ordering, ABC Song, Letter Matching

by Abitalk Incorporated

Cost: Free

**Recommended Ages:** 1-6

Helps your child rapidly learn the alphabet by sight, sound & touch.



### Phonics Consonants

by Abitalk Incorporated

Cost: Free (Lite Version)  
\$2.99 (Full)

**Recommended Ages:** 4-7

This app includes 6 games that focus on beginning sounds for each consonant as well as phonetic spelling.



### All About Letters Interactive Activities

by Lakeshore Learning Materials



Cost: \$1.99

**Recommended Ages:** 4-6

After selecting a letter, students listen to a chant that focuses on that letter sound and identify objects beginning with that sound. Finally, they practice writing the upper and lower case versions of the letter.

### abc PocketPhonics

by Apps in My Pocket Ltd

Cost: Free (Lite)  
\$6.99 (Full)

**Recommended Ages:** 4-6

Students trace letters, identify their sounds, and blend sounds to form simple words.



### ABC Alphabet Phonics

by Grasshopper Apps.com



Cost: Free

**Recommended Ages:** 1-7

Learn letters by sight, sound and touch. Beautiful pictures and real photos make this app very engaging. You can customize this app with your own voice & photos.

# Sight Words



## Gopher Finding: Sight Words

by Playsmart Kids

Cost: Free (Lite), \$2.99 (Full)

Recommended

Ages: 4-9



This is a great app for kindergarten thru 3rd grade children. The full version includes 217 sight words (from Dolch Sight Word List) and 126 high frequency words that are important and useful for beginning readers. In this game your child has to help Gopher find sight words. Children are rewarded with items (e.g. pants, shirts, hats, etc.) to dress up the gopher. They can collect all the different dress-up collections as they go.

## Spelling Words Card Matching Game

by @Reks

Cost: Free (Lite), \$1.99 (unlimited customizable volumes)

Recommended Ages: 6-8

Despite what the app title may suggest, there really isn't any actual spelling involved unless you purchase add-ons. This app is really a classic memory



matching game based on common sight words. We like that each word is narrated too.

Over 600 Dolch sight words in the full version and 3 possibilities when it comes to number of cards used.

## Fun Sight Words - Preschool, Kindergarten, First Grade, Second Grade, Third Grade

by Abitalk Incorporated

Cost: \$2.99 (220 words)

Recommended Ages: 4-8



Learn and practice Dolch sight words by finding the right word on the cartoon

fruit faces.

Children are challenged to win "jewels" for successful completion of each level. After collecting enough jewels, they are rewarded with a bonus mini-game, allowing them to trace or color a picture, create sparkles on the screen, and pop bubbles.

## Sight Words by Photo Touch

by Grasshopper Apps.com

Cost: Free

Recommended

Ages: 4-7+



Fun way to learn words by sight, sound and touch. Difficulty is adjusted automatically during play. Very easy to use.

## Sight Words by Little Speller

by GrasshopperApps.com

Cost: Free

Recommended

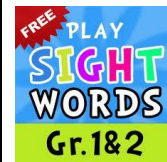
Ages: 4+



Drag letters to spell sight words. Text, audio and images are fully customizable and adapt to your child's needs.

## Sight Words 2

by eFlashApps, LLC



Cost: Free (Lite) \$1.99 (Ad-free)

Recommended

for: 1st & 2nd grade students

5 built-in games make learning seem like play the whole time while the child is learning each word with repetition.

## Word Bingo

by ABCya.com

Cost: \$1.99

Recommended

Ages: 5-8



## Sight Word Ninja- The Endless Slicing Game

by Jay Bacal

Cost: Free

Recommended Ages: 4+

## Abby Sight Word Games

by CFC s.r.o

Cost: \$1.99 All games K-3

Recommended Ages: 4-9



**Word Bingo (Continued from pg 2)**  
by ABCya.com

**Sight Word Ninja (Continued from pg 2)**  
by Jay Bacal.

**Abby Sight Word Games (Cont. from pg 2)**

Listen to the word the Bingo Bug speaks and tap the corresponding word on the screen. The game reinforces sight words and works on speed. The Word Bingo app features 4 Games: Word Bingo, Spelling Practice, Word it Up & Fling It. You may create 5 player profiles as well as a guest profile.

Lots of fun through multi-sensory learning combining audio, voice and touch. Ability to turn on and off individual sight words.

The games in the pre-k ( Word Machine & Gears) are engaging, but definitely include sight words that are typical for kindergarteners & first graders (e.g. where, down, for, run, you, said, look) rather than pre-k as the app suggests. This app provides opportunities to learn all 220 Dolch words through a series of 6 games.

# Rhyming

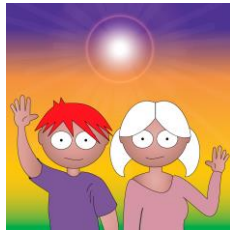


**Rhyme-N-Time Rhyming Words with Jane and Blayne**

by Levott LLC

**Cost:** \$0.99

**Recommended Ages:** 5-8

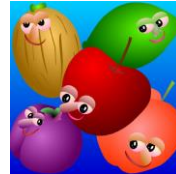


Jane and Blayne are twins, on a quest to find words that rhyme. Hundreds of different words are contained in this app. Rhyme-N-Time also is sprinkled with positive messages like, "Always eat your vegetables!" and "Don't talk to strangers!".

**Abitalk Phonics Rhyming Words**

by Abitalk Incorporated

**Cost:** Free (Lite Version), \$2.99 (Full Version)



**Recommended Ages:** 5-8

Words appear on animated fruit and users match the rhyme family. Word families included in the free version: ap, at, an, ad, et, it, id, ig, ip, ot, oy and ut.

**Rhyming Words**

by GrasshopperApps.com

**Cost:** Free

**Recommended Ages:** 4+



Children are presented with one or eight pairs of items and they need to figure out which items rhyme. This app works well as an interactive tool in which the child explains their thinking & says the rhymes aloud to you, so that you know they're not simply sliding pictures together.

**Bud's Rhyming Words**

by Nimble Minds LLC

**Cost:** \$3.99

**Recommended Ages:** 5-8

This is good for learning rhyming words, word families and new vocabulary words. Includes 3 games with increasing complexity.



**Phonics Rhyming Bee**

by Abitalk Incorporated

**Cost:** Free (ad, ag, am & an word families), \$2.99 (includes 28 word families covering 168 short vowel words)



**Recommended Ages:** 4-7

A bee carries a heart with a word on it, and the child needs to select which of the two flower pots contains a word that rhymes.

**Rhymie Stymie**

By Jay Bacal

**Cost:** Free (Lite), \$0.99 (Full)

**Recommended Ages:** 6- Adult



Super fun rhyming word game. Easy to learn yet challenging for your brain.





# Word Work

(new vocabulary, spelling patterns, vowels, prefixes, suffixes, etc.)



**Bluster**  
by McGraw-Hill School Education

**Cost:** Free (lite version)  
**Deluxe:** \$4.99

**Recommended for:** Grades 2-4  
(single or multiple player modes)

In a fun timed game, student chooses to match rhyming words, prefixes, suffixes, word roots, adjectives, synonyms or homophones. Over 800 vocab. words!

**Phonics Tic-Tac-Toe**  
by Lakeshore Learning Materials



**Cost:** Free

**Recommended Ages:** 6-8

This interactive game incorporates vowel sounds, blends, syllables, spelling and more.

**ABC Phonics Long Vowel Words**  
by Abitalk Incorporated

**Cost:** Free (Lite)  
\$2.99 (Full)



**Recommended Ages:** 4-7

Teaches kids to recognize 149 words with long vowel sounds.

**ABC Reading Magic 1**  
Learning to Read Through Advanced Phonics Games

by Preschool University



**Cost:** Free  
**Deluxe:** \$1.99

**Recommended Ages:** 5-8  
Provides practice blending and segmenting short vowel words.

**ABC Reading Magic 2**  
Consonant Blends

by Preschool University

**Cost:** Free  
**Deluxe:** \$0.99



**Recommended Ages:** 5-8

Provides practice blending and segmenting words with consonant blends.

**ABC Reading Magic 3**  
Multiple Syllables

by Preschool University

**Cost:** Free  
**Deluxe:** \$0.99



**Recommended Ages:** 5-9

Provides practice blending and segmenting longer words.



**7 Little Words for Kids**  
by Blue Ox Technologies Ltd.

**Cost:** \$0.99

**Recommended Ages:** 6-8, (an adult version is available)

Children will discover 7 colorful worlds as they try to solve mini puzzles. If they get stuck, they can always get a hint. This version is made for children, but adults will like it too!

**ABC Phonics Short Vowel Words**

by Abitalk Incorporated



**Cost:** Free (Lite), \$2.99 (Full)

**Recommended Ages:** 4-7

Teaches kids to recognize 130 words with short vowel sounds. Children practice phonics by piloting a submarine and shooting torpedoes at words with the vowel sound they are practicing.

**Word Games for Kids - Futaba**  
by INKids



**Cost:** Free

**Recommended Ages:** 4-8 (up to 4 children may play at once)

A fantastic multiplayer game to help children learn new words. Images zoom into the playing area and the first player to match the word to the picture scores a point. Great for ESL students!

**Howie Finding Vowel**  
by PlaySmart-Kids



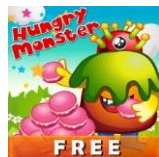
**Cost:** Free (Lite), \$2.99 (Full: 1,110 words & a progress report)

**Recommended Ages:** 5-9

Children find the missing vowel in each word. Correct responses result in feeding Howie a hot dog.

**Howie Hungry Monster: Build Words**

by PlaySmart-Kids



**Cost:** Free (Lite: 80 words), \$2.99 (Full: 1,110 words, a progress report & controls to set the level of difficulty)

**Recommended Ages:** 5-9

Short vowels, long vowels, bossy R, and other vowel teams. Each correctly built word will feed Howie a macaroon.

**Howie Word Family**  
by PlaySmart-Kids



**Cost:** Free (Lite), \$2.99 (Full version includes progress report)

**Recommended Ages:** 5-9

This word family game includes 5 levels & helps your child learn to recognize words by letter patterns.



# Grammar

## SparkleFish

by Whosagoodboy Partners

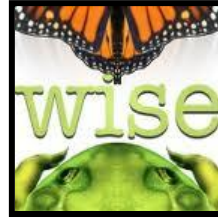
**Cost:** \$1.99-\$3.99  
(additional story packs available)



**Recommended Ages:** 7 to Adult

SparkleFish is a hilarious audio story completion game that will keep you laughing. It works in much the same way as MadLibs, except instead of writing missing words for a story you record them. Then, SparkleFish reads you the story you helped create. Reinforces parts of speech including: verbs, adverbs, adjectives, singular & plural nouns.

**wiseHopper**  
by Ganomaly, Inc.



**Cost:** \$1.99

**Recommended Ages:** 6-12

Help your hopper get to shore by identifying the correct part of speech and hopping it. Watch out, the bullfrog can knock you back to shore!

## Irregular Plurals Free

by Abitalk Incorporated

**Cost:** Free (Lite Version -10 words), \$3.99 (Full version features 51 irregular plural words)

**Recommended Ages:** 7-10



An irregular plural is a plural that does not follow the normal rule to append "s" or "es". Many irregular plurals are animals or fish, such as sheep, deer, moose, salmon and tuna. This app includes 3 different skill levels. Every word is clickable and pronounces the word.

## Verb Mayhem HD Level 1

by Generate Learning



**Cost:** \$0.99

**Recommended Age:** 7

Level 2 available for 8 & 9 year olds (\$0.99)  
Level 3 available for 10-12 year olds (\$0.99)

Gameplay self-tunes to the player's speed. The faster they answer, the faster it goes. Helpful advice is given if they are struggling and positive feedback is provided when they are doing well. Word bank of over 500 words.

## Sentence Ninja

by Smarty Ears

**Cost:** \$13.99

**Recommended Age:** 5-12



Sentence Ninja is a multi-player multi-level app designed to improve sentence structure skills in children and adults. This app was created by a speech-language pathologist to facilitate an understanding of how correct word order impacts sentence structure.

## Mash Pun

by Byington Design LLC



**Cost:** Free

**Recommended Age:** 8+

A mix between the Mash game and Mad Libs. Questions can be nouns, verbs, people, body parts, adjectives, etc. After entering your answers you pick a "magic number". This number MASHES your answers together and gives you a one of a kind wacky story tailored to you.

## Homophones

by Abitalk Incorporated



**Cost:** Free (Lite: 15 homophones), \$3.99 (Full: 131 homophones)

**Recommended Ages:** 7-10

Homophones are words that sound alike, although they have different spellings and meanings. Students complete sentences using the correct homophone.

## Irregular Verbs

by Abitalk Incorporated



**Cost:** Free (Lite: 20 irregular verbs), \$3.99 (Full: 155 irregular verbs)

**Recommended Ages:** 7-10

Students complete sentences using the correct verb form. Includes three skill levels and a picture for each sentence.

## Using I and Me Fun Deck

by Super Duper Publications

**Cost:** Free

**Recommended Ages:** 6+

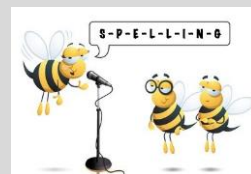
52 illustrated picture cards to practice personal pronouns. Select the cards you want students to see.



Track correct and incorrect responses for up to 5 players at a time.



# Spelling



## **Spellosaur** by Simulant

**Cost:** \$3.99 (Premium School Edition)

**Recommended Ages:** 6+

The free version allows a student to add 5 of their own spelling words, then provides activities for learning,



reviewing and testing the words. The premium version allows multiple users, each with their own word list and no restrictions on list length. Words can be saved for future reference and testing.

## **My Spelling Test**

by FunExam.com



**Cost:** Free (Lite Version), \$0.99 (Full Version -#1 rated Spelling Test app)

**Recommended Ages:** 6+

This app is like creating your own spelling bee. For each word, children type the word and then record it. Even if you don't watch your child take the test, you can see which words he or she got wrong afterwards. You can even email results.

## **Magic Spell-300 first words in phonics spelling game** by Kids Place

**Cost:** Free (Lite version includes 27 words, all 300 words are available with an In-app purchase)

**Recommended Ages:** 4+

Learn correct spelling and pronunciation of the most common first words. The full version includes 300 first words in 9 categories. Children can use the magic wand if they have trouble finding the next letter.



## **Rocket Speller**

by Little Big Thinkers

**Cost:** Free (Lite), \$2.99 **Rocket Speller Plus** (450+words & more rockets)



**Recommended Ages:** 4-10

Correctly place letters to spell the word and earn the rocket modules. Complete each level to launch your rocket and zap stars. Smart technology that recognizes when a player is struggling and provides assistance.

## **Little Speller- Three Letter Words**

by GrasshopperApps.com

**Cost:** Free (Lite), \$0.99 (Full)



**Recommended Ages:** 1-6

Drag letters to spell 3 letter words. Customize using your own voice if desired. Children can add their spelling words (even if they're longer than 3 letters) and add their own corresponding pictures.

## **CIMO Can Spell**

by PlaySmart-Kids

**Cost:** Free (Lite:100 words), \$2.99 (Full: 1,122 words & setup options to control difficulty)



**Recommended Ages:** 5+

Each correct letter adds blocks of ice to CIMO's bridge to reach his fish. Incorrect letters land him in the water and he begins again. Includes reports for tracking child's progress.

## **Spelling Notebook** by Aiko Software

**Cost:** Free (\$0.99 in-app purchases)



**Recommended Ages:** 5+

Students create a customized list of words to practice independently. This app allows them to hear the words spoken. They may practice only the words they have yet to master, and retest at any time.

## **Little Big Car Factory** by Little Big Thinkers

**Cost:** \$1.99 (\$2.99 in a bundle with Rocket Speller Plus)



**Recommended Ages:** 4-8

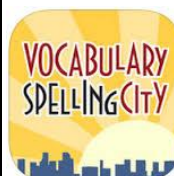
Create and record your own spelling lists. Spell words correctly to earn parts to build a car, then watch your car in an exciting race.

## **Vocabulary Spelling City** by SpellingCity

**Cost:** Free (in-app purchases for premium features)

**Recommended Ages:** 6+

A fun way to learn spelling and vocabulary words by playing engaging games such as Hangmouse. Free version includes ten popular activities and word lists.





# Multiple Skills

## Reading Remedies

by Needleworks Software

**Cost:** \$0.99

**Recommended Ages:** 4-9

This app provides teachers & parents tools to quickly assess a student for areas of potential reading difficulty, including: rhyming, blending, segmenting, sight words, fluency & word attack. Suggested follow-up activities to teach specific skills in each area as well as complete lists of sight words, common prefixes, suffixes, and vowel combinations are included.



## Reading Monster Town 1

by Blue Pin

**Cost:** Free

**Recommended Ages:** 5-8

Each of 6 units begins by displaying print and reading a simple story to the child. The child then answers a question about the story by circling something on the screen. Several word matching activities follow.



## Phonics Silly Sentences 1& 2

by Emmy Chen



**Cost:** Free

**Recommended Ages:** 5-7

This app provides activities that introduce vowel sounds and letter combinations. Children build reading skills through opportunities to decode words, phrases and sentences.

## PCS BINGO

by DynaVox Mayer Johnson

**Cost:** Free

**Full Version:**  
\$4.99



**Recommended Ages:** 4+

Includes 4 Bingo boards: *vocabulary, articulation, language & rhyming*. Great for regular education students or those with speech and language delays. Over 60 additional boards to purchase.

## Word to Word

by MochiBits, Inc.

**Cost:** Free  
(Smile pack-40 puzzles)

**Additional Puzzle Packs:**  
\$0.99 (per 40 puzzles)

**Recommended Ages:** 9-Adult  
A fun and addictive word association game. Words can be opposites, compound words, have the same meaning or simply be related in some way.



## Little Story Maker

by GrasshopperApps.com

**Cost:** Free

**Recommended Ages:**  
5-12

Select one of two gorgeous story book templates. Turn your own uploaded photographs into stories, even add your own voice. Children can make their stories interactive by adding word or picture highlights that respond to touch.



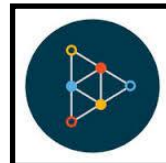
## Educreations Interactive

by Educreations, Inc.

**Cost:** Free

**Recommended Age:** All

Educreations turns your iPad into a recordable whiteboard. Students can read and record their writing/typing to save, playback and/or share. Students can easily add graphics (from the web or iPad photo album) to enhance their work.



## LetterSchool

by Boreaal & PiMZ.com

**Cost:**  
Free (Lite: A-D)  
\$2.99 (Full: A-Z)

**Recommended Ages:** 4-7

LetterSchool provides teachers, parents and occupational therapists a choice between 3 handwriting styles (D'Nealian, Handwriting Without Tears, & Zaner-Bloser). Children find the superior graphics in this app highly engaging & motivating.



### Story Patch

by Haywoodsoft LLC



**Cost:** \$2.99

**Recommended**

**Age:** 6-12+

Now you can write your stories on the iPad, using photos from your library or a wide range of clip art. The app will even help you write a story, often with hilarious results depending on how you answer the questions. Your children will have no writer's block here!

### Picturebook

by Maplekey Company, LLC



**Cost:** Free (In-app purchase upgrade allows you to add your own photos)

**Recommended Ages:** 5-12+

Create and share your very own illustrated stories in a few simple steps! Choose from a constantly updating library of cute pictures. Narrate your story with any text you like.

## Fluency



### K12 Timed Reading Practice

by K12 Inc.

**Cost:** Free (Lite for one user/student)  
\$2.99 (Multiple users/class)

**Recommended Ages:** 5-11

Allows readers in grades K-4 to practice fluency by reading short, timed stories. Track stories read, words per minute, and percent above or below average reading rates. The free version features 25 short stories covering a variety of fiction and nonfiction. You can add multiple readers (even a whole class) with the paid version which features more than 250 stories. You'll want to choose passages to fit your readers, as the levels provided won't necessarily correlate to your students/grade.



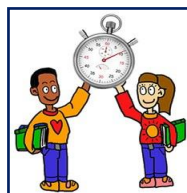
### Fluency Timer Pro

by Needleworks Software

**Cost:** \$0.99

**Recommended Ages:** 6-12

Fluency Timer is an adjustable timer that automatically records students' fluency readings for playback and sharing. Just press record and the app will automatically stop at the end of one minute (or whatever time you select). It's simple enough for students to use. Name your file and play it back or transfer it to your computer to organize/share. Teachers and parents can use fluency passages that are already part of their education program or use hundreds of free downloadable passages from [www.fluencytimer.net](http://www.fluencytimer.net)



### One Minute Reader

by Read Naturally, Inc.

**Cost:** Free (Placement assessment & 1 book at each level from early reader to 5<sup>th</sup> grade), \$2.99-\$19.99 for additional text packages

**Recommended Ages:** 4-12

Readers read along with a recording of a fluent reader to help them learn how to say the words and how to read in a natural voice. Children can click on selected vocabulary words in the stories to access audio-supported definitions. A quiz step asks questions about the story to make sure students think about what the story is about. Readers see graphs of their initial cold-timing score and then of their final hot-timing score, which shows how much they've improved.







# Books / Comprehension

## Scholastic Storia by Scholastic



**Cost:** Free (includes 5 books, others available for purchase)

**Recommended Ages:** 3-14

Age-appropriate eBooks for children ranging from 3 to 14 including chapter books and interactive titles. Audio narration, pronunciation tools and phonics and vocabulary activities are key features for emerging readers. Older, established readers can take notes, highlight text, and access videos that offer real-world context for book topics.

## I Like Books by GrasshopperApps.com

**Cost:** Free (variety of single stories), \$1.99 (package of 37+)

**Recommended Ages:** 2-7

This app contains 37+ "I Like" books.

Students may choose options that include *Read to Me*, *Read By Myself* & *Auto Play*. There are multiple free versions of this, some of which designate grade levels, such as K-1 or 1-2. You can add & edit picture highlights by clicking on a particular photograph and customizing the word and/or recording.



## FarFaria by Intuary



**Cost:** Free for 30 days; \$4.99 per month if you decide to sign up; automatically renews each month; cancel anytime.

**Recommended Ages:** 2-9

Four new, engaging stories added every week. Unlimited reading in a library of stories. Offline access to your favorite stories.

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