

Apps from USA

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Noreen and Arlene have seen our BATOD Magazine and offered to send in their favourite apps from across 'the pond'.

[What do you want your students to do with their iPad?](#)

(<http://edtechteacher.org/apps>)

provides activity specific Apps and provides the cost, description and a usefulness rating and an Ease-of-Use rating for each one.

[28 iPad 2 Tips and Tricks](#)

(https://www.pcworld.com/article/222186/28_ipad_2_tips_and_tricks.html)



Bits board: a customizable app for teachers to create flashcards with images and audio. Free access to pre-made catalogues allows for sharing, syncing devices and creating online back up.



Edmodo: a safe way for teachers to connect with students, post homework and have class dialogues. In addition, a way for teachers to join with other teachers and share lessons, ideas and websites.



Edublogs: an app and website for students and teachers to blog and work on writing and conversation skills with other students. Easy to use and a way for deaf students to learn about digital literacy and develop writing skills with an authentic audience.



Explain Everything: an app with a flexible design allows teachers to annotate, animate and embed videos into presentations. A cost effective solution to Interactive White Boards.



Garage Band: can be used to improve student's auditory comprehension skills. Teachers and students can create podcasts to make speech therapy fun and individualized.



Guardian Eyewitness: this photojournalism app delivers a photo each day to allow students access to the worldwide news. Promotes class discussion and is a useful writing prompt. Opens the student's eyes to the world outside their own through photography.



News-2-you: current event and high interest articles that can be differentiated for individual learners. Cross curriculum content includes language arts, math, science, and social studies activities.



Haiku Deck: students with limited vocabulary can create beautiful presentations. Students can download their own pictures or use pictures from flickr Creative Commons.



Pic collage: students can create custom collages with personal pictures, add text and clip art. Creativity and literacy skills can be developed at the same time.



Proloquo2go: augmentative and alternative communication app uses symbols and icons for expressive communication. For nonverbal students this is a useful app. For Deaf learners this app is useful for vocabulary and concept development.



Question It: an app for early language learners to categorize responses to wh questions. Uses errorless learning to allow students success. Data taking capacity.



Quizlet: students have access to images and definitions of vocabulary word or the ability for students to add their own definition. Games provide fun reinforcement for students to practice vocabulary and a variety of skills. Also has a testing function the website. Teachers can regenerate the test to easily allow for individual needs of students.



Rainbow Sentences: contains 165 images to assist students develop syntactically correct sentences. This app is easy to navigate, has a variety of levels and has setting for colour coding words or chunking words together



Sentence Builder: an app that helps students create syntactically correct sentences. All data is recorded giving the teacher information on students' progress. The app has three levels and other related app packs for older students.



Skitch: a simple to use app that allows teachers and learners to annotate images. Can be used with personal pictures or complex text and diagrams.



Conover Company Apps: an assortment of apps created to teach life skills and functional communication. Some apps focus on environmental print and others focus on activities of daily living



Snappguide: a simple way for students to explain their interests. Students can take pictures and write a brief caption explaining how to do anything from cooking, science experiments, origami, etc...



Speech Tutor- an animated app that helps students see how speech is produced. Both front and lateral view of the mouth and throat are shown. This app to helps deaf students with speech production.



Story Me: a fun way for students to create comics of themselves and their friends. App allows for speech bubbles or captioning.



Subtext- a wonderful app that will save any article into your 'library' by bookmarking 'save to subtext'. Books can be downloaded through Google play. Teachers can annotate articles and this app allows for discussion between teacher and students or other classes. App also comes with an easy to use dictionary. The app can be connected to Edmodo or as a 'stand alone'. The app also provides ability to individualize for classroom needs



Starfall: an app for emerging readers. Students can practice decoding skills and sight words using this interactive learning app.



Photo Touch: an app designed to teach important concepts that students will use in the classroom. Concepts include: time, spatial relation, and opposite to name a few.



Wider Image by Reuters: an app of daily photographs from around the world. Images can be used to generate discussion or as writing prompts. Pictures are a beautiful example of the world around us.



WordToob: a creative and engaging app for learning vocabulary, concepts and skills using video and pictures. Can be used for a visual schedule or a tool for video modelling.



Educreations: an app for that transforms the ipad into an interactive white board. Teachers and students can use educreations to take notes, create diagrams or record lessons . Teachers and students can create 'decks' to explain concepts and develop a flipped classroom. Invitations can be sent to students so they may review the material presented.