## Letter Knowledge & Phonic Skills

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SPY	ABC Spy	ABC Spy uses the popular game of I Spy to help children learn the alphabet and letter sounds in a fun way. The app also makes use of the iPad's built in camera and encourages children to take pictures of items beginning with certain letters/sounds. For younger children, it's a good way to explore the alphabet, learn letter sounds and anchor that learning to the world around them.
	Pocket Phonic	Pocket Phonics is a very popular app that teaches letter sounds, first words and handwriting. It is aimed at children aged between 3 and 6, although could also be useful for older children. Pocket Phonics introduces users to each of the key letter sounds. As they learn the sounds, the app guides them how to write each letter using follow-me arrows.
Junior Birgo	Junior Bingo	This app enables young children to learn and practice their colours, shapes, and numbers as well as their letters and letter sounds. There are two ways to play - Practice and Bingo. Practice enables users to learn and review concepts with virtual flash cards and Bingo allows children to test themselves using the traditional game. When they complete a line they earn a bingo bug that can be added to their collection.
	Little Finder ABC	This app uses a similar setup to 'Little Finder Hidden Objects' only this time the children have to identify the letters. The app is easy to customise with users able to choose between the letter names and letter sounds. It is also possible to record your own letter names and sounds if you don't like the American accent on the original one.
	Little Stars Word Wizard	This app uses the same format as the 'Little Star Toddler Game' to help children discover and learn sounds, letters and words. It is easy to customise making it possible to focus on certain sounds or letters. It is also possible to add your own items. Children can play by themselves or challenge a friend/parent in two player mode.
	Endless Alphabet	This is a beautifully presented app that enables children to develop their phonic knowledge and vocabulary. Each word features an interactive puzzle game with talking letters and a short animation which illustrates the definition in a funny and engaging way. The app comes preloaded with one word for each letter but additional words are delivered automatically to the app on a regular basis.
Ganus	Phonics Genius	This flashcard-style app helps children learn and reinforce words. The focus is on letter combinations with users being encouraged to look for particular letter patterns and the sounds they make. The app contains over 6,000 professionally recorded words grouped into 225 phonic categories. For a more personalized learning experience, children can record their own voice.

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## Spelling

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*	Spall	Simplex Spelling Phonics 1	Contains over 450 high frequency words divided into 42 lists that are organized by spelling patterns and difficulty levels. Each of the 42 lists comes with a lesson that teaches one of the basic building blocks of spelling in the English language. These basic building blocks include the different phonograms, sounds, and spelling rules.
	SIGH WORLD	Simplex Spelling Sight Words	Simplex Spelling HD teaches the Dolch sight words to establish a base foundation in spelling and reading fluency. Rather than using flash cards, Simplex Spelling enables pupils to build each word and discover different letter patterns that can be used to make particular sounds. The app also allows you to build your own spelling lists.
	ESELL!	My Spelling Test	This app allows children to practice the same words that they are learning in school by creating their own spelling lists. Children can then test themselves and their scores and the words they have misspelled are saved. Thus, even if your child practices by him/herself, you can always see how they are doing each time they take a test.
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Spell	Spelling Test	An app that is very similar to 'My Spelling Test' in that allows users to create their own spelling lists and test themselves. The layout is more grown-up looking and so should appeal to slightly older users. Very easy to input new words and record their pronunciation.
		A+ Spelling Test	Another app that allows you to create your own spelling tests. Results are recorded so it is easy to track progress and quickly see how children are doing and which words, if any, they are struggling with. Also includes games such as unscramble. In this mode, instead of hearing the word and having to spell it, you see a scramble of letters and have to figure out what word they are for.
		School A to Z	This app is produced by the NSW Department of Education and Communities and brings together a wealth of resources to help parents to understand and support their child's homework. There are definitions of words commonly used in school. The 'Spelling Bee' game is an excellent way for children to develop their spelling vocabulary. Times Tables can also be practiced using the 'Maths Monkey' game.
	SPELL	Spell + Friends	This is an app for anyone who really wants to stretch their spelling abilities. It contains over 2,000 words in 3 categories with clear and crisp pronunciations, definitions and etymology. Words can be marked out as favourite and incorrectly spelled words will be tagged for future improvement and practice.

## Creative

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	Felt Board	Felt Board for the iPad is inspired by the actual felt boards used for years by children, teachers and storytellers. It is possible to create characters by selecting skin colour, hair and facial features. Users can then choose from a wide variety of costumes, settings and props to complete their story. Best of all because it is an app, the pieces will never get lost!
	Sock Puppets	Sock Puppets lets you create your own lip-synched videos and share them on online. Children can add puppets, props, scenery, and backgrounds then all they have to do is start creating. Hit the record button and the puppets automatically lip-synch to your voice.
	Toontastic	This app allows children to draw, animate and share their own cartoons. Making cartoons with Toontastic is very easy. Simply press the record button, move your characters onscreen, and tell your story. Toontastic records your animation and voice as a cartoon video to share with friends and family on ToonTube, the app's global storytelling network for kids.
	Story Creator Pro	Story Creator allows children to easily create their own story books containing photos, videos, text, and audio. It is very easy to use and completed stories can be shared via e-mail. The Pro version contains new layouts and the ability to add stickers.
(0)		This app enables children to create scrapbooks using their photos. There are a number of themed kits available to choose from or users can mix and match backgrounds and borders to create their own designs. Within a very short space of time children will be able to create great looking books that they can then share with family and friends.
	Photo Puppet	This app enables users to star in their own animations. Simply select a photo and carefully cut it out. It is then possible to move the character on the screen.  Animations can be recorded and uploaded to YouTube. Photo Puppet should appeal to older users who are likely to look upon Toontastic and Felt Board as being a bit babyish.
A	Video Star	Video Star makes children the stars of their own music videos. Users can select from nundreds of effects before, during, or after recording. It is also possible to pause at any time to set up a new scene. The clever thing is that no matter how many scenes you shoot, the music stays in perfect sync. Additional effects can be purchased including "green screen" effects.