

Useful Apps for iPads

We often get asked about which Apps we recommend for children with Down syndrome, so here is a short list of the ones we use most regularly and are worth paying for. Most of the Apps listed are available on iOS and Android. Don't forget to let us know if you come across anything new that you would recommend!

1. Signing		
Makaton Signing for Babies	Quick and easy way to access all the necessary early signs. Contains video tutorials for each sign.	https://www.makaton.org/shop/shopping/external/Resources/11461793
2. Vocabulary		
See and Learn first Vocabulary	Activities using the See and Learn Approach to learning 60 common first words. See and Learn First Vocabulary 2 and First Vocabulary 3 are also available when you are ready to move on.	https://www.seeandlearn.org/en-gb/language-and-reading/first-vocabulary-1/
Touch Words	First 28 words also using the see and learn type of approach. Suitable for babies and part of a series covering other concepts (colours, numbers, shapes, animals, emotions) by highly recommend developer Special iApps	https://www.specialiapps.org/en-gb/touch-apps.html
Special Words	Award winning App. Has first words in here in similar style to See and Learn. Great for making own Lotto Boards with your own choice of vocabulary e.g. related to topic work	https://www.specialiapps.org/en-gb/special-words.html
3. Speech		
Articulation Station	Helps child to produce sounds and blends of English language. Has tutorials to help adults know how to teach sounds to the child.	http://littlebeespeech.com/articulation_station.php
4. Letter Formation		
Letter School	Touch sensitive letter formation to help with handwriting.	http://www.letterschool.org/
5. Phonics		
ABC Phonics Word Family	Uses 'onset and rime' approach and errorless learning approach.	https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/abc-phonics-word-family-free/id490869120?mt=8



6. Reading Comprehension		
Kids Reading Comprehension Level 1 Passages for iPad (Level 2 also available)	Short topic based reading passages and simple comprehension questions.	https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/kids-reading-comprehension-level-1-passages-for-ipad/id494472230?mt=8 (search for Angela Reed on the App Store if you are having trouble finding the App)
7. Sentence Making		
Clicker Connect	Highly recommended sentence-making app allowing child to construct sentences with errorless order. Words supported by pictures. Words can be colour coded for supporting Colourful Semantics work.	http://www.cricksoft.com/uk/products/clicker-apps/clicker-connect.aspx
Clicker Sentences	Similar to Clicker Connect but without forced order. Has other layers of support for the child's memory as they record the sentence.	http://www.cricksoft.com/uk/products/clicker-apps/clicker-sentences.aspx
Clicker Documents	For more advanced learners. Offers child complex topic based vocabulary grids and a keyboard option for them to type in known word.	http://www.cricksoft.com/uk/products/clicker-apps/clicker-docs.aspx
8. Numeracy		
Special Numbers	Uses See and Learn approach to teaching 1-20. Uses errorless learning techniques	https://www.specialiapps.org/en-gb/special-numbers.html
9. Story-making		
Special Stories	App to allow child to make their own conversation diary with photo and text. Child can record own voice. VERY easy to use. Good for home-school communication, explaining step-by-step tasks and creating talking books	https://www.specialiapps.org/en-gb/special-stories.html
Clicker Books	Uses the clicker approach of word grids to allow child to produce own 'professional-looking' books.	http://www.cricksoft.com/uk/products/clicker-apps/clicker-books.aspx
10. Visual Timetables		
First Then Visual Schedule	Clear, easy to use visual timetable. Will work for lots of age groups	http://www.goodkarmaapplications.com/first-then-visual-schedule.html
11. Miscellaneous		
Widgit Go Basic	An introduction to what is on offer from Widgit. May be useful for students who do not develop reading skills quickly but should still have full access to the rest of the curriculum.	https://www.widgit.com/products/widgit-go/index.htm
Tiny Taps	Make your own educational games using the tablet camera/images. Very versatile. Useful for making topic related apps/games.	https://www.tinytap.it/site/home/