

Apps for




English Language Learners



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Global Language Learning and Translation Apps

Icon	App Name	Description	Cost	Notes
	DuoLingo	Fun, easy to use language learning app. Several different languages are available.	Free	
	Speak & Translate	Voice and text translator. Many languages. Free version has limits and ads.	Free or Upgrade with subscription	
	iTranslate	Voice and text translator. Many languages. Free version has limits and ads.	Free or upgrade with subscription	
	Google Translate	Voice and text translator. Many languages. Use camera to take picture of text. Can draw letters, characters.	Free	
	BrainPop ESL	This app a comprehensive English language learning program that uses highly engaging animated movies to model conversational English. The movies and related features are leveled, building upon each other to reinforce vocabulary and usage. New concepts are presented within everyday situations, helping to provide context.	Free 18 lesson demo upgrade by levels (30 lessons for \$24.99 each) or entire program (90 lessons total for \$59.99)	
	Babbel	Language learning app. Many opportunities to practice. Uses photos and real world situations. Monthly subscription needed.	Free for demo then \$15.99 per month per language	

Vocabulary Apps





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	Endless Alphabet	Actually mistitled... this is more of a vocabulary app. Animations demonstrate the meanings of the words in an unforgettable and engaging way.	\$8.99	
	Knowji 3-6	Audio-visual vocabulary flashcards. Tracks progress. Other levels available from developer. Knowji Vocab Lite is available for free and has samples of their apps.	\$9.99	

	Bluster	A word matching game develops vocabulary and word understanding. Single player, team, and versus modes.	Free with in app purchases for more words, or get Bluster Deluxe for \$4.99	
	Word SLapPs Vocabulary	Teaches vocabulary specific to your students' needs with the images that you choose. Upload and save photos into customizable categories, pair them with your recorded questions and share with others using Dropbox.	\$4.99	
	Let's Go! English Vocabulary for Kids	Audio-visual vocabulary games introduce students to essential English words and phrases. Tracks progress through stars and trophies earned.	\$5.99	
Grammar, Spelling, and Word Play Apps				
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	Avaz FreeSpeech: Build Grammatically Correct Language	Helps kids learn grammar and sentence structure by choosing a single word and expanding their thoughts through a series of wh- questions that create a "visual map" of their sentence.	subscription \$9.99/month	
	Build a Word Easy Spelling Long&Short Vowels, Sight	Teaches students letters as well as how to combine letters into words. Uses either/both a visual prompt or/and audio prompts. Success is rewarded by a short fun game.	\$2.99	
	Futaba Word Games for Kids	4 player vocabulary game designed for kids.	\$0.99 and \$2.99 to upgrade	
	Mystery Word Town	Students use their spelling skills to find the gold and capture the outlaws in Mystery Word Town. Play with the teacher-developed word lists, or record their own words.	\$3.99	
	Spelling City	This is a game-based app designed to support students learning to spell words and use them in sentences.	Free Requires basic or premium online teacher membership	




	Grammaropolis	Grammaropolis uses the parts of speech as animated characters whose personalities are based on the roles they play in the sentence.	Free \$0.99 to upgrade each part of speech \$5.99 for complete bundle	
	Sentence Builder	This app is designed to help elementary aged children learn how to build grammatically correct sentences. Explicit attention is paid to the connector words that make up over 80% of the English language.	\$7.99	
Phonics and Early Reading Apps				
Icon	App Name	Description	Cost	Notes
	Adventure Readers!	Adventure Readers features 130 activities. Teaches letter sounds, sound blending and manipulation within words.	Currently free, normally \$3.99 In app purchases	
	Hooked On Phonics	Hooked on Phonics Learn to Read contains 36 progressive lessons featuring leveled learning activities that cover key building blocks of reading: short vowels, simple plurals, simple compound words, beginning and ending consonant digraphs and blends, two-syllable words, and sight words. Each lesson concludes with a story specially written with the words just learned.	Step 1 free to try, then upgrade with In app purchases	
	Endless Reader	Introduces kids to the most used sight words in a fun, interactive, and engaging way. (Developer also has Endless Wordplay app.)	Free demo In app purchases- \$5.99/word pack	
	Phonics Awareness	An educational app based on pre-reading skills moving from hearing sounds, into seeing the letter as a representation for the sound. Skills such as blending and segmenting are emphasized.	Free	
	Phonics Advanced	A comprehensive, educational, low-cost app based on the Common Core Foundational Skills. There are several free and low cost apps from this developer.	\$1.99	
	Phonics Studio	This articulation and pronunciation app helps students develop their sight word recognition and vocabulary. Has ability to track students and create, add to lists with own words and pictures.	\$1.99	




	Phonics Genius	This app emphasizes specific letter sounds and letter blends when pronouncing words using virtual flashcards containing each word's spelling and a recorded pronunciation of that word that emphasizes a particular sound in the word. Users can record their own pronunciation of the word, as well as mark "favorite" words. Built in quizzes.	\$0.99	
	Articulation Station	A comprehensive articulation program offering practice at the word, sentence and story levels in 22 sounds in the English language.	Free demo In app purchases, or upgrade to Pro for \$29.99	
	Montessori Crosswords	Helps kids develop their reading, writing, and spelling skills by building words from a set of 320 word-image-audio-phonics combinations using a phonics-enabled movable alphabet.	\$2.99	
	Reading Raven HD	An educational app that leads children from early phonological awareness and phonics right up to reading full sentences while integrating printing skills and teaching through games. There is also a Volume 2 version.	\$3.99	
	Starfall	App companion to well-known online early literacy website. There are also several apps from this developer.	Free demo Annual membership required to access all features	
Reading and Writing Apps				
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	Pixel and Parker	An innovative game spinner that makes this interactive story different each time children read.	\$2.99	
	News-o-Matic EDU	This nonfiction reading comprehension app publishes five news stories each weekday! The stories range in length and difficulty to create opportunities for differentiated instruction. Each edition gives you access to a Teacher's Guide. Subscription is required.	Free demo with subscription In app upgrade required after one month	

	Write About This	This app will help students find story ideas and give them a space to record their thinking. Students can choose from a range of images and writing prompts that fall into different categories. Kids are also given the space to free write within this app. Great for elementary school students and English language learners. App has ability to craft custom photo prompts and record.	\$3.99 Developer also has a FREE demo version	
	Story Builder	This app is designed to help children improve paragraph formation, integration of ideas, and improve higher level abstractions by inference. Use of audio clips promotes verbal skills of ELLs.	\$5.99	
Content Areas Apps				
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	Brain Pop Featured Movie	Watch a different animated movie every day, then test your new knowledge with an interactive quiz.	Free for demo Explorer: (5 movies and quizzes) \$1.99 per mo Full Access: (750+ movies and quizzes) \$6.99 per mo	
	Brain Pop Jr. Featured Movie	Watch a different animated movie every day, then test your new knowledge with an interactive quiz.	Free for demo Explorer: (4 movies & quizzes) \$1.99 per mo Unlimited Access version (all movies and quizzes) \$5.99 per mo	
	Futaba Classroom Games for Kids	Classroom edition of Futaba Word Games includes a set of new learning games, including math, geography and Dolch sight words and the option to make your own games.	\$6.99	
	Geography Drive USA	Traveling trivia quiz game that highlights geography facts from state capitals to US landmarks and key historic events.	\$2.99 (Also comes in Geography Drive Arcade version)	

	Constitution by KIDS DISCOVER	Kids will learn all about the battle to write, ratify, and enforce the Constitution through interactive 3-D models, high-definition video and audio, hires photographs, cartoons, and animations, easy-to-read, accessible writing, quizzes, puzzles, and other fun games.	\$3.99 Other content subjects covered by this developer. Examples include Antarctica, Simple Machines, Civil War, Space, and many more. \$0.99 to \$2.99.	
	Color Uncovered	Explore the surprising side of color with this interactive book that features fascinating illusions, articles, and videos developed by the Exploratorium. Features a wide spectrum of cool color-related topics to explore.	Free	
	Sound Uncovered	Explore the surprising side of sound with this interactive book featuring auditory illusions, acoustic phenomena, and other things that go bump, beep, boom, and vroom. Hear with your eyes, see with your ears, make and modify recordings, test your hearing, and more.	Free	
	Alien Buddies	A variety of games and play modes to suit Early Learners. The games include matching, dot-to-dot, puzzles, and stickers that reinforce fundamental skills: recognizing colors, shapes, numbers and uppercase and lowercase letters.	\$2.99	

Reference and Classroom Tools Apps

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	WolframAlpha	This app is mix between a graphing calculator, an encyclopedia, Google, and everything in between. Covers diverse topics from basic skills to college level inquiry.	\$2.99	
	Felt Board	Design scenes, dress up characters and let your imagination soar as you invent your own stories with this virtual Felt Board.	\$2.99	
	Educreations Interactive Whiteboard	A unique interactive whiteboard and screencasting tool that's simple, powerful, and fun to use. Annotate, animate, and narrate nearly any type of content as you explain any concept. Teachers can create short instructional videos and share them instantly with students, or ask students to show what they know and help friends learn something new.	Free \$11.99 per month to upgrade or \$99.99 per year	

	Dictionary.com Dictionary & Thesaurus	This app is a traditional dictionary enhanced with digital features. It provides users with the word's definition, synonyms, related forms, as well as origin and history, even links to slideshows and blog content. Voice and text function.	Free In app purchases	
	WordBook - English Dictionary and Thesaurus	WordBook is a comprehensive, quick and intuitive dictionary and thesaurus of the English language. The app features recorded , word origin , built-in spell checker with pop-up spelling suggestions, user's bookmark and note management, unmatched sounds-like and wild card search, and a word puzzle solver.	\$1.99	
Not Apps but great with iPads				
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	Kahoots!	This is a web-based is a student response system for creating and administering unique, game-like quizzes. Questions, along with answer choices, are projected onto a classroom screen while students submit responses using a personal device. Kids' devices display color and symbol choices only; the actual answer must be viewed on the classroom screen. The energized, game-like atmosphere comes from the use of bright colors, along with suspenseful music. Liveliness in the game or quiz escalates as updated ranks appear on the class scoreboard after each question -- personal points data is sent to each device.	Free requires online subscription	