



iPad App Recommendations



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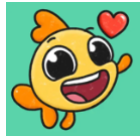

The list below provides some ideas for high quality content that the parent/caregiver can engage with alongside their child or as a supplement to a speech language therapy plan (ask your SLP for their thoughts/recommendations).




Guidelines regarding screen time per the American Academy of Pediatrics:

- **< 18 months:** no digital media apart from video chatting
- **18-24 months:** for those wishing to introduce media, choose high-quality content and engage alongside the child
- **2+ years:** limit to one hour per day, choosing high-quality content and co-viewing when possible

App	Price	Targets/Ideas
 <p>My Playhome</p>	<p>\$3.99, only for iOS</p>	<p>Receptive Language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following Directions (“Give the girl the apple”, “Put the hat on the dad and put the baby in the crib”) - Themed Vocabulary: For each room in the house - Spatial concepts: “Put the cupcake in the oven and the pizza on the table” - Imaginative play <p>Expressive Language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Naming various vocabulary around the house - Answering “wh” questions (Where do you brush your teeth? Where is the mommy?”, “What do you drink?”) - Descriptive language (“The girl is wearing a striped hat) - Working on action verbs (“The baby is drinking milk”)
 <p>Bamba Burger</p>	<p>Free with in-app purchases, for iOS and Android</p>	<p>Great for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building vocabulary (various vegetables, toppings) - Describing with actions (cut, flip, fry, pay, eat, cook) - Lots of fun with silly toppings - Answering wh- and yes/no questions - Role play (child can be restaurant owner, you can be the guest) - Sequencing (“First, I put lettuce, then I put the cheese on, etc.”) - Counting concepts (you pay at the register by counting coins) - Imaginative play

<p>Boo Articulation Helper</p> 	<p>\$7.99 for iOS and Android * Lite version available</p>	<p>Great for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motivating little ones to practice speech sounds, syllables, and simple words. - Practicing sounds at the isolation level or within syllables (CV and VC) - Visual support: The cute frog gives kiddos a nice visual while producing voiced and voiceless sounds (/b/ versus /p/) - A fun and engaging way to practice speech sounds
<p>Toca Hair Salon</p> 	<p>\$2.99 for iOS and Android</p>	<p>Great for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Targeting actions words (cut, dry, spray, shower, grow, straighten, wash, shave, color) - Targeting color concepts - Working on core and themed vocabulary - Targeting commenting, requesting, and descriptive language - Targeting function of objects - Expanding phrases - Encouraging creativity

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<p>Easy Bake Oven</p> 	<p>Free, Only for iOS</p>	<p>Great for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requesting - Sequencing (first, then, next, last) - Working on adjectives (flavors, colors, size, texture) - Targeting /k/ words: cake, cake pop, cook, bake, cut - Turn taking and sharing
<p>Speech Blubs</p> 	<p>Free with in-app Purchases/subscription for iOS</p>	<p>Great for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vocabulary building (I like the repetition of target vocabulary in some of the games) - Imitating motor movements - Encouraging imitation by seeing videos of other children making different sounds/words - Visual, verbal, and auditory feedback
<p>Articulation Station</p> 	<p>Free with in-app purchases for iOS.</p>	<p>Great for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Home practice of target speech sounds - Engaging way for drill practice - Practicing sounds at the word, phrase, and sentence level <p>I use this fantastic app in my therapy sessions. The creator of the app, Heidi Hanks, has a wonderful blog called Mommy Speech Therapy, where you can find additional</p>

		resources and information about speech therapy related topics.
<p>ABC Animal Toddler Adventures</p> 	<p>Free with in- app purchases for iOS and Android</p>	<p>Great for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vocabulary building for the theme of animals, clothing, toys, and the foods they eat. - Expanding sentence length (The mouse eats cheese) - Understanding parts of a whole through puzzles within app - Letter recognition - Action Verbs (washing, eating, feeding, wearing, drying, cleaning) - Answering questions (What does the dog like to chew?)
<p>Alphatots Alphabet</p> 	<p>2.99 for iOS</p>	<p>Great for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alphabet knowledge reinforcement - Phonemic Awareness - Building vocabulary for verbs - An action to perform for each letter
<p>ChatterPix Kids</p> 	<p>Free for iOS and Android</p>	<p>Great for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Targeting vocabulary - Motivate students to talk about lots of different things

** Note that iPad/tablet apps or any other type of screen time (educational T.V shows and videos) do not substitute for quality time spent with your child reading, interacting, and playing. This is how they learn to communicate (when there is at least one other person!) The above apps are suggestions for educational, language rich programs, that are most effective when you participate with your child while playing them. This is crucial so that you can help him/her label things, ask him/her questions, facilitate comments, and so that they can communicate with you (labeling, requesting, answering, following your directions, commenting, turn taking).

Enjoy and Happy Communicating!