









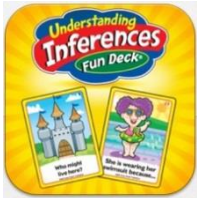




App	Cost	Subject	Suggested Age	Description
<p>K12 Read Aloud Classics</p> 	<p>\$0.99 * there is a lite version for free, but it has fewer stories</p>	<p>Reading</p>	<p>K-2<sup>nd</sup></p>	<p>Listen to 36 different classic stories read aloud on this app. Kids can follow along as the story is read and there are cute cartoon pictures to look at, too. This will help students who are learning to read fluently, and will also give mentors a break if they want someone else to read aloud!</p>
<p>States</p> 	<p>Free</p>	<p>Geography</p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> and up</p>	<p>This is a fun way to learn the capitals for each state in America. There is a practice mode and a quiz mode. For children who may never get to leave their home town, this is a great way to learn about the rest of the country!</p>
<p>Brain Pop Jr.</p> 	<p>Free</p>	<p>All subjects</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> There is also a Brain Pop for older students</p>	<p>Each week, a short new cartoon movie is added to Brain Pop. As students watch they are taught different skills and then they get a chance to practice the skills at the end of the movie by taking an easy or hard quiz.</p>
<p>Kid Calc</p> 	<p>.99</p>	<p>Math</p>	<p>K-5<sup>th</sup> There are puzzles for beginners and intermediate</p>	<p>Students answer addition, subtraction and multiplication problems and their correct answers complete a picture puzzle. This is an enjoyable way to practice math facts! Kid Calc is an iPhone app that can be used on an iPad.</p>
<p>Charades! Kids</p> 	<p>Free</p>	<p>Reading Game</p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> and up *need to be readers</p>	<p>If you like the game Headbandz, you will love this app as it is played the same way. Place your iPad or iPhone on your forehead and your child will silently read the word that is showing and give you clues to help you guess it. If you guess correctly you point the screen forwards, and if you want to pass you point the screen backwards and a new word appears. One word of caution...this may be trickier for children to do with an iPad as it is a bit awkward to hold it on your forehead.</p>

<p>123 Color</p> 	\$1.99	Letter, Number and Color Recognition	K-1 <sup>st</sup>	Students will learn their numbers, letters and colors as they create pictures on this simple app. This reminds me of the Color/Paint by Number worksheets that most of us probably worked on when we were kids! While it may seem like a boring lesson, students must be able to recognize letters before they can read words, so this will help!
<p>Google Earth</p> 	Free	Geography	1 <sup>st</sup> and up	This is an easy and free way to fly around the world to check out locations and landmarks. Just type in where you want to visit and you will zoom in to that spot! I just checked out my childhood home and the tree I planted in 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade is HUGE!
<p>Toontastic</p> 	Free	Reading/ Writing (Story Elements)	1 <sup>st</sup> and up	Students choose a setting and characters for their cartoon and then create a conflict, challenge, climate and resolution for their story. Even if they don't understand what those words mean, this app guides them through all of the elements in a story and it is super fun! Students will feel proud of their finished product!
<p>Show Me</p> 	Free	Teaching Tool	1 <sup>st</sup> and up	This app is like having a pocket whiteboard that you can use to demonstrate or teach a lesson. As you write on the board you can record your voice. I think kids would enjoy "teaching" you a skill using this app. I can also see mentors and mentees using this app to create a story together.
<p>Hungry Fish</p> 	Free	Math	1 <sup>st</sup> and up	The fish is hungry for numbers, so you feed it by combining one or two pieces of food together that equal the sum requested. As you advance the game gets harder and there are also levels to practice subtraction and negatives. This app makes mental math entertaining!

<p>Doodle Buddy</p> 	<p>Free</p>	<p>Art</p>	<p>K and up</p>	<p>This is a simple app that your student can use to create pictures using different tools and backgrounds. When you want to start a new picture, you just shake and the screen will clear. Nothing fancy here, but it might be a fun break from crayons and paper, especially for a child who says they do not like art. Everyone needs a chance to be creative...even mentors!</p>
<p>Factor Samurai</p> 	<p>2.99</p>	<p>Math</p>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> and up</p>	<p>This game reminds me of the popular app Fruit Ninjas, which many of your children and mentors are probably already familiar with, but this has educational value! As students are learning multiplication, they begin learning about factors and prime numbers, which is sometimes a hard concept to master. I love this game because it makes a hard lesson easy! As numbers fly around the screen, the player has to slice them until they get to all prime numbers. Even if your student doesn't completely understand what factors and prime numbers are, they will be able to identify them quickly as they play this game. Where was this game when I was a kid???</p>
<p>Rocket Math</p> 	<p>\$0.99- \$3.99</p>	<p>Math</p>	<p>K and up</p>	<p>Select a mission (addition, subtraction, multiplication or division) and launch your rocket if you get all of the questions correct. Engaging and much more exciting than a worksheet or flashcards!</p>
<p>Scribble Press</p> 	<p>Free</p>	<p>Writing and Art</p>	<p>K and up</p>	<p>True confession...I may have squealed in delight as I was checking this app out! Kids can create a book on their own or they can use the templates and fill in the blanks. For example, there is an All About Me book that they can choose and fill in words to describe themselves. Once they have finished writing, they can add pictures to the pages. Copies of the projects can be saved and shared.</p>

<p>SmartRecorder Lite</p> 	Free	Teaching Tool	K and up	<p>This app will come in handy as you work with your student on reading fluency. Record them as they are reading and then let them listen to themselves. There are also many other ways you could put this recorder to use with your student! It's easy to use and kids will enjoy hearing their own voice!</p>
<p>Futaba Word Games for Kids</p> 	Free	Reading	K-2 <sup>nd</sup>	<p>This is a helpful app for students who are learning to read. As you play a game, a picture appears and the player must choose the correct word. Nothing too fancy here, but this is an important skill to master!</p>
<p>Magic Plan</p> 	Free	Creative Design	4 <sup>th</sup> and up	<p>I am sharing this app because I know there are students out there that enjoy designing and building. Honestly, I struggled with this app because I do not have this kind of mind, but our future architects do! Basically, students can create blue prints to build different structures. Once rooms are built they can even add furniture and other decorations.</p>
<p>Stop Motion Studio</p> 	\$0.99	Story Telling & Drama	3 <sup>rd</sup> and up	<p>Creative students will get a kick out of this app, but they will need to have patience as it takes quite a bit of time to create a whole movie using the stop motion style. With this app, you take a series of pictures and when you are done it will turn in to a movie that you can add your own vocal track or music to. I can see students using stuffed animals or Lego guys to create fun movies with their mentors.</p>
<p>Magnetic ABC lite</p> 	Free	Reading/Phonics	K-1 <sup>st</sup>	<p>I can't say that this is a fun app, but it is a useful one if your mentee is learning letters. If you remember using magnetic letters on your refrigerator as a child, you will know how to use this app!</p>
<p>Sight Words</p> 	Free	Reading	K-3 <sup>rd</sup>	<p>Leave the flashcards at home and practice sight words with this app. It includes word lists from preschool through third grade. Students can try to say the word and then tap on it to hear if they were correct. This is just one more way to practice those words that are so important to memorize.</p>

<p>Little Writer</p> 	<p>Free</p>	<p>Writing</p>	<p>K-2<sup>nd</sup></p>	<p>Students use their fingers to trace letters the correct way as they follow the graphics. It is simple, but effective for students who are struggling with handwriting.</p>
<p>Songify</p> 	<p>\$2.99</p>	<p>Music</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> and up</p>	<p>I absolutely love this app! Speak words into the recorder and then tap to turn your words into a song with different beats. There are free beats, but you can also purchase different songs to use as backgrounds. If your child likes rapping, there is a similar app called AutoRap that will turn their spoken words into a cool rap. Kids feel like an instant star when they hear their words come alive in a song! For students who don't know what to say, ask them to read poems like Mary Had A Little Lamb...it sounds great in a rap! You can find Songify under iPhone apps, but it can also be used on an iPad.</p>
<p>Understanding Inferences Fun Deck</p> 	<p>\$2.99</p>	<p>Reading</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> and up</p>	<p>While this isn't the most exciting app, I have not found another one that teaches inferences better. For students to comprehend what they are reading, they need to be able to make inferences, but this is not an easy skill to master. Use this app to work with your mentee on it!</p>
<p>KIDS HOPE USA Mentor App</p> 	<p>\$2.99</p>	<p>Mentoring Tool</p>	<p>Mentors of all ages</p>	<p>Stay connected with the KIDS HOPE USA National Office with this app. It is updated monthly with ideas for the mentoring hour, videos from our president and blogs on a variety of topics.</p>
<p>Minion Rush</p> 	<p>Free</p>	<p>Just for Fun</p>	<p>All ages</p>	<p>My 9 year old son helped me try out all of the apps on this document and each one got his stamp of approval. When I asked which was is favorite, he chose Minion Rush, even though it wasn't on my list of educational apps. I guess sometimes, it is okay to just have fun!</p>