

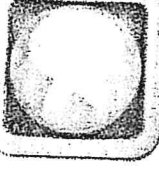












Writing Skills

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	Ready to Print	Ready to Print was created by an Occupational Therapist and progresses through pre-writing and early writing skills in a specific order so that children can master the visual-motor, visual-perceptual and fine motor skills necessary for correct writing. It features ten different activities. All can be played with fingers, or a stylus as readiness is achieved.
	Hairy Letters	From the makers of Nessy this app helps to reinforce letter names, sounds and formation. Letter sounds come to life with animated characters. Children can then interact with the animations and trace letter shapes on-screen with their finger. They can also play games to reinforce learning.
	Letter School	This app enables children to practice letters using four different games: Intro – where they discover the letter's shape, name and sound, Tap – where they learn where to start, change direction and finish by tapping the dots, Trace – where they learn the letter trajectory by tracing it and finally Write - where they are able to test their knowledge by writing from memory.
	Intro to Letters	Another good app for practicing letter formation. Users are taken through a series of guided, interactive exercises, beginning with single letters but progressing to letter combinations. A special recording section helps children learn sounds, phonograms and names.
	Dictionary.com	There are a number of dictionaries available for the iPad but this one is hard to beat. It is actually a thesaurus as well as a dictionary and includes more than 275,000 definitions and 80,000 synonyms. The app also features audio pronunciations, similarly spelled words and a Word of the Day section.
	Miss Spell's Class	A free word game from Dictionary.com that lets players test their spelling skills against their database of the most commonly misspelled words. Players must quickly decide whether each of 20 words is spelled correctly or incorrectly, as penalties are added for each wrong answer.

Sight Vocabulary

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	My First 1000 Words	My first 1000 words actually contains over 1500 words arranged into convenient categories like first words, foods and hobbies. All are clearly presented with beautiful illustrations. The only downside is the American spelling of some words but it is possible to change these. Users can also add their own words and photographs and record the pronunciation.
	Word Search for Kids	This app contains over 1000 word search puzzles that are divided into categories such as animals, transport, people, colours, numbers, etc. In the 'Puzzles for Small Kids' section every word is depicted with a picture and its name is spoken aloud. The 'Puzzles for Big Kids' section including topics such as countries, musical instruments, days, months, sports, etc. Again watch out for the American spelling.
	Sight Words and Spelling	This app is made up of three different game modes: Flash Card - seeing and hearing the word for the first time, Word Challenge - recognizing the word and selecting it in a multiple choice word challenge format and Spelling - knowing how to spell the word in the spelling mode. It is also possible to record your own words so you can add ones that the child is learning in class.
	Sight Words Hangman	Sight Words Hangman uses the traditional pencil and paper word game as a vehicle for learning and reinforcing high frequency words. There are over 30 word lists to choose from and the flashcards mode allows children to become more familiar with the words in a given list. The game presents the target word in a group of four. The child then hears the word and makes their selection.
	Word Bingo	Word Bingo is comprised of four games that help to reinforce word knowledge and spelling. It uses the Dolch word list of 220 words grouped by level, and includes pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions and verbs. There are also 95 nouns on a separate list. It is possible to create five different player profiles.
	Smiley Sight Words	The idea of this app is simple - show the words to your child to see if they can read them. If they are unable to do so they can press the word to hear its pronunciation. Words read correctly can be marked with thumbs up smiley faces, the aim being to earn 3 thumbs-up for each word. Smiley sight words is customisable for up to 40 players so is ideal for use in the classroom. <i>UK words section</i>
	Sight Words Pro	SightWords Pro is produced by the same company responsible for Smiley Sight Words and it contains exactly the same word lists. There are, however, two crucial differences. Firstly, this app has a much more adult feel to it and so would be suitable for older children. Secondly, it is possible to add your own custom words and record your own pronunciations.

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