



Apps to Support Speech, Language and Communication

There are a huge range of Apps out there for children of all ages and it can be mind boggling to sift through and identify those that may support your child's speech, language and communication. These are some of our favourites. Remember, the key to progress is about making this an interactive activity as much as possible, or encouraging your child to talk about what they are doing. Spending time sharing electronic resources will have a huge impact on how effective they are and the language that your child uses.

The "Age Group" is as it says – "Suggested". You know what your child likes better than anyone and what they will enjoy accessing. All of these are available via Apple or Android unless otherwise stated.

App Name	Suggested Age Group	Cost	Areas of language
Fisher Price Storybook	Pre-school: Emergent talkers	Free	A lovely visual app of familiar nursery rhymes. Nursery rhymes are a great way to support early talkers due to their repetition. Sing with your child, missing words out at the end to see if they can fill in the gaps. You can also use apps like this to work on developing vocabulary and understanding by asking your child to find things on the page. E.g. "Can you find the dog" / "Who says woof woof?"
Peek a Boo Farm	Pre-school and Early Years	Free	In this lovely app, your child has a chance to feed and care for the animals. You can work on: Concepts such as clean / dirty. Model simple sentences such as "can you wash the cow, can you feed the sheep" You can ask questions such as "where is the pig sitting?" (In the mud) You even get to hug the animals when it is night time to help them go to sleep.
Monkey preschool lunchbox	Pre-school and Early Years	Free	This app is great for working on lots of early language concepts such as colours, counting, same and different, biggest and smallest, shapes and also vocabulary for fruits
Monkey Pre-school Fix it	Pre-school and Early Years	Free	This app is great for working on lots of early language concepts such as colours, counting, same and different, biggest and smallest, shapes, new, toys vocabulary, and numbers.
100 words for Babies and Toddlers	Pre-school and Early Years	Free	Perfect for introducing your child to new words. This is a speech and vocabulary learning game for pre-school aged children between 6 months and 4 years old. Colourful animations keep little ones entertained.

Nightly Night	Pre-School and Early Years	Free	Celebrated as the perfect bedtime story app for kids, this lovely app tells the story of all of the animals in the farm going to bed. There is animal naming and lots of opportunity to talk about what the animals are doing and where they are. E.g. "Look the duck is IN the bath"
My Pizza Shop	Key Stage One	Free	Design your pizza shop and make pizzas – This provides lots of opportunities for children to talk about what they are doing and use concepts such as first, next, last. They also can be supported with concepts such as colours, shapes and you could discuss whether your child would like that topping.
My Cake shop	Key Stage One	Free	Follow the sequence to make the cake for the customer. Encourage children to talk about what they did first, next and then. For children working on speech targets, listen out for those tricky sounds and help your child to have another try at the word if they make an error.
Nightly Night Circus	Early Years and Key Stage One	Free	Another addition to the popular nightly night app, this version has some more unusual animals and gives extended opportunities to think about their characteristics. E.g. the long snake, the tiny crickets. You can ask your child which animals they think would be good as a pet and why. What tricks do they think that the animals would do in the circus? Questions are a really great way to get your child to extend their thinking but if they find questions tricky, you can make this simpler by saying things such as "Tell me about the elephant's nose"
My Play Home	Early Years and Key Stage One	Free	This lovely App covers all things home based, with lots of opportunity to work on the vocabulary of the different rooms of the house. This is interactive so you can choose characters and get them to sit on things, eat and drink, all the time modelling simple sentences. If you have a child finding "he" and "she" difficult, you can model this by saying something such as "Oh you chose a girl...what is SHE going to do?"
ABC Alphabet Phonics	Early Years and Key Stage One	Free – Apple compatible only	ABC Alphabet Phonics is a simple, colourful app. It is good for helping children who are struggling with letter name identification practice. Pictures and sounds can be personalised too! You can always use this as a way to link into their phonics or literacy targets from school. Perhaps, if you are working on a particular sound, you can go and fill a bag with things around the house that begins with that sound. This will have your child's phonics, literacy, and speech support all rolled into one activity.
Articulation Station	Early Years and Key Stage One	Free for the first sounds	Fun little app providing a range of colourful, engaging pictures for motivating and stimulating children who are working on developing their speech sounds. Ideal for practicing at home. The free version provides families with a limited amount of sounds. For further resources for other speech sounds, there are lots of available websites offering FREE sound sheets such as Mommy Speech Therapy. You can find out which sounds to work on by contacting your child's Speech Therapist directly.
iTouchiLearn Words Speech & Language Skills	Early Years and Key Stage One	£1.99 – Apple compatible only	There's lots of educational content within this app. Children can complete different lessons and games in order to learn different words and songs. The app is easy enough for little ones to use.

Speech With Milo: Sequencing:	Key Stage One	£1.99 – Apple compatible only	This app focuses on sequencing and organisation and really support children who may be struggling with their story telling. The characters are lovely. It's recommended for 5+ but lots of little ones will enjoy talking about the pictures too.
Mr Potato Head App	Key Stage One	Free	Build Mr Potato Head - There are lots of language opportunities in this App which makes the lovable Mr Potato Head into lots of different characters. A must for our Toy Story fans. Choose the character you are going to make and encourage your child to use descriptive vocabulary when building him. For example "He has a bushy black beard". Label the body parts and talk about where Mr Potato Head visits once he is all dressed up and goes off on his adventures.
Toca Kitchen Monsters Toka Kitchen 2	Primary	Free – Apple compatible only	These apps appeal to all ages as the monsters and characters are quite disgusting. Feed the monsters some of their favourite stinky treats. You can models language such as "cut, eat, cook" for younger children and use it with reception children to encourage them to talk about what they are doing. In the Toka Kitchen App, there is plenty of opportunity to name lots of types of food and you could also describe one of the items on the shelf for your child to find.
Sock Puppets	Primary	Free – Apple compatible only.	This lovely app allows you to choose your favourite sock puppet character and background and add props. Children use the sock puppet to record up to 30 seconds of their talking which is then made to sound funny by "scrubbing" their voice. This is a really fun way of practicing difficult speech sounds in words or making silly sentences. Children can also use this to present a piece of information about a topic from school or describe an item from a guessing game.
Splingos Language Universe	Primary	£2.99	With thousands of different word and sentence possibilities, Splingo the alien's spoken instructions guide your child through a galaxy of language learning. Your child will practice their listening and language skills by interacting with the images and animations on the screen to follow Splingos spoken instructions.
Conversation Therapy	Key Stage Two	Free	This app allows children to engage in real life discussions with pictures & questions that get people talking to practice communication strategies strategies.