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## Apps for Students with Communication Deficits

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*Apps are applications*, or software programs, that can run on a variety of devices, such as smartphones and tablets. Some Apps are free, and some are for purchase. The user simply downloads an App to his/her device through an online store or marketplace. Many Apps are educational in nature and offer speech-language pathologists (SLPs) and parents/caregivers multiple options for targeting communication skills. The lists below highlight some of the different kinds of Apps for speech/language goals. Keep in mind that there are thousands of Apps, so this list is just an overview – Be sure to check often for updates to Apps and new Apps!



The following lists, as adapted from *Apps for use in Speech Language Pathology* by Jennifer Davis (2011), highlight several types of Apps for meeting a variety of communication needs.

### Articulation/Phonology

- Practice sounds in isolation or at syllable, word, phrase, or sentence levels
- Identify phoneme placement (beginning, middle, or end of a word)
- Target phonological processes
- Practice tongue twisters
- Give screeners to track correct/incorrect responses and types of errors

### Assistive Technology

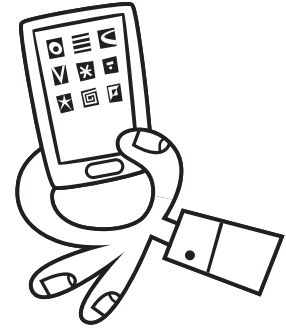
- Touch buttons to indicate basic communication needs
- Create pictures, flashcards, storyboards, or visual schedules
- Use pre-loaded pictures for vocabulary, including searches by category
- Add your own pictures
- Use pre-loaded verbal messages; record and store personalized verbal messages
- Store sequenced messages
- Use text-to-speech or speech-to-text functions

### Fluency/Stuttering

- Track fluent and disfluent speech
- Track avoidance behaviors
- Give a percentage for stuttering moments

## Language

- Answer/generate WH questions – Who? What? When? Where? Why?
- Create/record sentences and stories
- Identify different grammar forms, such as nouns, verbs, pronouns, and adjectives
- Move objects on the screen to work on basic concept words, such as *next to*, *above*, *below*, *before*
- Find pictures that go together or choose an item that doesn't belong
- Identify an object by its function, such as *barking* goes with... *dog*



## Sign Language

- Learn/review American Sign Language (ASL) signs
- Take a quiz on signs
- Watch videos of signs

## Social Skills

- Review/build *Social Stories* (short stories to help an individual understand appropriate behaviors for social situations)
- Look at photos and answer questions, including identifying facial expressions
- Review steps to social situations
- Teach manners

## Voice

- Show decibel (dB) (loudness) levels
- Calculate s/z ratio (sustaining the /s/ sound compared to sustaining the /z/ sound)

### Resource

Davis, J. (2011). *Apps for use in speech language pathology*. Retrieved from [www.speakingofspeech.com](http://www.speakingofspeech.com)

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[How Would You Feel If... Fun Deck® App](#)

[What Would You Do at School If... Fun Deck® App](#)

["WH" Questions At Home Fun Deck® App](#)

[All About You, All About Me Fun Deck® App](#)

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