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<http://www.smartappsforspecialneeds.com/2014/05/top-10-free-or-inexpensive-apps-for.html>

1. **Phonic Genius** by Innovative Mobile Apps



This app features over 6,000 words grouped by sound. The phoneme being targeted is automatically highlighted and you can choose the position of the sound within the word. Customize, add and delete categories and flashcards under settings. Only the written word is presented. There are no pictures or animation, but I love having word lists right at my finger tips.

(iPhone/iPad, FREE)

2. **Beginning Sounds Interactive Game** by Lakeshore Learning Materials



This is another phonics app where children match pictures beginning with the same sound. Select three beginning sounds at a time from a choice of 18. This app is great for work on auditory discrimination. Appropriate for children in Pre-K through early elementary school.

(iPhone/iPad, \$0.99)

3. **PCS Bingo** by Dynavox Mayer-Johnson



This is the most expensive app on my list but for less than five dollars you get a great articulation app plus Bingo boards for vocabulary, language and rhyming. What a deal! Features games for 18 phonemes plus S blends, L blends, R blends and vocalic /r/. Boards are available in 3x3 or 5x5. Words are presented with the target sound highlighted and targets are represented in initial, medial and final positions of words.

(iPhone/iPad, \$4.99)

4. **Make Dice Lite** by hnm

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Preschoolers can get a little wild rolling traditional dice. My speech minutes are precious and I don't want to waste them crawling on the floor looking for dice. This app solved my problem, but then I realized I could customize dice with specific artic targets. You can use up to 6 dice at a time. I like to have one die with target words and one number die so the roll determines how many times they say the target word. You can also use multiple dice to work on phrases. The Lite version is free or you can spring for the full version which eliminates ads and allows you to add photos to the dice.

Lite (iPhone/iPad, Free) Full (iPhone/iPad, \$2.99)

5. **Pic Collage** by Cardinal Blue



My students love making original creations with *Pic Collage*. We go on searches for pictures of things that have our target sound and make collages that can be saved and used over and over. I make my own collages using images from the web that feature a specific phoneme. It's fun to make up stories about the pictures which helps my kids work on their articulation and language skills. Easily disable the "photos from web" option and social media features if kids are creating on their own. There are in-app purchases available, but you don't need to spend a dime to get great use from this app.

(iphone/iPad, Free)

6. **My First Words - Flashcard** by Alligator Apps by Innovative Mobile Apps



This free app offers several categories of flashcards for free and additional categories through in-app purchase. No need to spend any money because under settings you can add, edit or delete categories and flashcards. You can make a category for each target sound. Again, I like to involve my students in the creation of the cards by helping them take pictures of appropriate items and adding their own voices with the recording feature.

(iPhone/iPad, Free)

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7. **Small Talk Phonemes** by Lingraphia



This app features video of the lip and tongue movements to produce each phoneme in the English language. Designed for individuals with apraxia, aphasia or dysarthria, it's also great for children with ASD. They can watch the videos over and over without having to look at an actual person's face which can sometimes be difficult. The videos are only of the mouth. Lingraphia offers 12 other similar apps focusing on blends, common phrases and more.

(iPhone/iPad, Free)

8 **Quick Artic** by Virtual Speech Center Inc.



This free app does require you to register at the Virtual Speech Center website. It has 566 images featuring the printed word and categorized by sound. Simple phonemes like /b/, /p/, /d/, /t/, /m/, /n/, /h/ and /w/ are not included but it does have 10 complex phonemes including blends divided by position within the word. The charting feature enables you to get a percentage of correct responses for each phoneme. This is a great app to use for a quick screening.

(iPhone/iPad, Free)

9. **Open-Ended Articulation** by Erik X. Raj



Perfect for children working on carryover of target sounds including S, Z, L, R, TH, CH, SH and blends. Meets my under \$5 criteria by a penny, but is currently on sale for \$2.99! Features over 500 open-ended questions designed by a speech language pathologist to work on carryover in a creative way. Ideal for children over six, parents and kids will have a blast with these crazy questions while working on important skills.

(iPhone/iPad, \$2.99 for a limited time)

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10. Tx Tools by Pedia Staff



This free collection of tools assists therapists and teachers in their day-to-day sessions with clients/students.

- 1. IEP Scheduler: counts out days to help calculate the exact date of upcoming IEPs, evaluations or specific day timelines for initial evaluations.*
- 2. Tally This: keeps an ongoing tally during therapy activities, eliminating the need to manually count with paper and pencil.*
- 3. Percent Right: efficiently calculates percentage correct during trials.*
- 4. Age Finder: quickly determines client/student's chronological age today or in the future for use in clinical evaluations and assessments.*

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Percentage and Tip Finder App



FREE

Core Curriculum Vocabulary Cards Pre-K iPad App



FREE

Core Curriculum Vocabulary Cards First Grade iPad App



FREE

Core Curriculum Vocabulary Cards App



FREE

Core Curriculum Vocabulary Cards Third Grade App



FREE

Webber Photo Articulation Castle App



FREE

Super Duper StoryMaker App



FREE

"WH" Question Cards App



FREE

Using "I and Me" Fun Deck App



FREE

Let's Name... Things Fun Deck App



FREE

Super Duper Age Calculator App

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Alternatives Summary



#1

- ↑ students
- ↑ preschoolers
- ↑ speech language
- ↑ recording feature
- ↓ teachers
- ↓ language development

#1 Phonics Studio

(224)
Free



#2

- ↑ teach your child
- ↑ flash cards
- ↑ students
- ↑ older kids
- ↓ game over and over
- ↓ features including

#2 Articulation Station

★★★★ (830)
Free



#3

- ↑ older kids
- ↓ speech language
- ↓ multiple sessions

#3 SLP Minimal Pairs Lite

★★★ (44)
Free



#4

- ↑ young kids
- ↑ data collection
- ↓ Ages 3-4
- ↓ words and sentences

#4 ArtikPix

★★★★ (207)
Free



#5

- ↑ flash cards
- ↑ young kids
- ↑ teachers
- ↑ language development
- ↓ preschoolers
- ↓ jet pack

#5 Mini Adventures - Let's Go and Learn the

★★★★ (423)
Free



#6

- ↑ flash cards
- ↓ speech language
- ↓ fun mobile

#6 PCS™ Articulation Flash Cards

★★★★ (52)
Free



#7

- ↓ rhyming words
- ↓ motion video

#7 Speech Sounds on Cue for iPad Lite (Aus)

Free