

Apps for Listening (and Language) Comprehension

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The following list of Listening (and Language) Comprehension Apps reflects those Apps that have been used by this author (and mentioned at her workshop) to support listening comprehension of students using AAC devices. It is not intended to be a thorough reference list of available Apps.

- Listen for Absurdities (\$1.99) by Super Duper Publications. You listen to a sentence that includes an absurdity and then explain what is absurd. A picture is included.
- Listening Master Lite (free) and Listening Master (\$1.99) by Lingual Net. A wheel-of-fortune type game that tests listening abilities with multiple-choice questions. Three levels of play (beginner, intermediate, advanced). Rated 12+ for content.

The following apps are NOT specifically designed for listening comprehension, but can be used for listening comprehension with students who are not literate, by turning off any text supports, or by not allowing the literate student to read the text (cover it up with something).

From Super Duper Publications

- WH Questions - At Home (\$1.99) At School (\$1.99). Asks the student a *WH* question. Provides a picture as a visual stimulus. Answers are marked as correct or incorrect.
- Let's Name Things (Free). Requires students to name things from a specific category. Provides a picture as a visual stimulus. Answers are marked as correct or incorrect.
- Webber® Core Curriculum Vocabulary Card Apps (\$8.99 for each grade level, PreK-K, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade; Free version is available). Introduces and teaches 100 core curriculum words students need to know across language arts, science, social studies, and math. Can tap the screen to listen to the information, including scanning through answers. Answers already marked as A, B, C.

From Smarty Ears

- Fun and Functional (\$9.99). Asks the student to identify objects by function and then state the function of an object. Provides a picture as a visual stimulus. Answers are marked as correct or incorrect. A simple app for very beginning listening comprehension activities.
- iPractice Verbs (\$9.99). Encourages listening for three verb tenses at the word, phrase, and sentence level.
- WH Question (\$9.99). Asks a variety of *WH* questions. Requires student to use AAC device to give answers, therefore, he/she needs answers in device and must know code/navigation to the words. Allows student to record his/her answer to add another level of listening comprehension. Can turn off display of printed words to eliminate printed visual support.
- Question Builder (\$5.99) by Mobile Education Store. Asks a question and provides 3 possible answers. Allows student to repeat the question. Can be modified to allow student to give his/her own answer.
- Stories2Learn (\$13.99) by MDR. Designed as social stories, but can be used by printing out each page in a story. Have the student listen to the story, then order the story using the paper printout of the story.