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Useful apps for language and communication

Language:

Lamh Time (€9.99) The Lámh Time App[©] is a new play and learning app for children who use Lámh signs[©] to support their communication.

Splingo apps (€3.49 each of €8.99 for all three)

- 1. Splingo Language Universe To work on following directions. Splingo's instructions range from a very early level of language development, e.g. single word, to much more complex, e.g. instructions combining several aspects of language at once.
- 2. Categories with Splingo To work on categorisation. This is a key cognitive-linguistic skill in the development of language and vocabulary acquisition. Being able to successfully categorise supports the development of receptive language, expressive language, vocabulary and links between concepts.
- **3.** Actions with Splingo To work on action word knowledge. Action words are an important part of a child's vocabulary as they are essential in most sentences, but can be tricky to teach using traditional image-based activities.

Key words kids (€27.99) To work on expressive and receptive language skills and following directions. As a child visits various scenes, they must listen, retain information from increasingly complex sentences, and act out instructions to improve their language comprehension skills.

Keyword understanding (€16.99) To work on the ability to follow directions with a variety of concepts and complexity.

iSequence (€3.49) To work on sequening skills with over 100 everyday situations, such as taking the bus, getting dressed and go to the beach.

WH question cards 'Who, What, When, Where, Why' (Free for 'Who' and €3.49 for each after) To work ability to correctly ask and answer WHO-WHAT-WHEN-WHERE-WHY questions with four entertaining learning games for each WH set of cards.

Early Language Learning:

Cause2effect – Early Skills for Learning (Free) To work on early vocabulary, turn-taking skills and joint attention using eight cause/effect activities.

Farm Sounds lite (Free; €1.09 for full access) To work on early vocabulary skills and matching animal sounds to pictures.

Autism:

Autism iHelp apps (between €3.49-16.99) Various apps available including WH questions, play, comprehension, rhyming words, language concepts, opposites, colours, same & different, emotions, shapes.

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- Emotions:
 - iTouchiLearn Feelings (free) To work on identifying, interpreting and communicating emotions for pre-school children, providing social cues. There are 6 different activities to go through that identify core emotions and improve communication skills.
 - Emotions Play kit (€0.99) To work on identifying and expressing feelings, using a multi-sensory method. Children experience activities, music, photography and an interactive mirror. Talks about how faces look for different emotions and allows children to take photos & talk about their own feelings and how their face looks.
- Friendships:
 - Stories2Learn (€12) Stories2Learn offers parents and educators the ability to create personalised stories using photos, text, and audio messages. These stories can be used to promote literacy, and leisure, as well as social skills. With Stories2Learn an educator can quickly create a story that shows various social cues.
 - Social Skills for Autism (free) To work on social skills children, adolescents and teenagers with autism need to operate effectively and comfortably in social situations.
- Non-literal language:
 - Idioms ('Lite' version is free) To work on understanding of idioms using 100 different idioms in alphabetical order and an explanation and example for each one.
 - **Figurative Language**: This app helps students practice and master the important language skills of recognising and understanding figurative language. More information online at -https://www.teacherswithapps.com/figurative-language/
- Conversation skills:
 - Social Skills for Autism (free) This app is designed to teach children, adolescents, teenagers and young people with autism the social skills they need to operate effectively and comfortably in social situations. The app covers the key areas of 'Conversation Skills', 'Non Verbal Communication' and 'Thinking before You Talk'.
 - Conversation Social Stories (€3.99) This app is made up of 4 social stories about different conversational skills and simple communication tools to go with them. The stories focus on greetings, asking someone to play, what to talk about in a conversation and tips for great conversations.
- Verbal Reasoning, Problem Solving & Situational Understanding:
 - Dial Safe Pro (free) This app allows children to learn how to use a telephone, to dial important numbers and to dial for the emergency services. It allows the child to role-play and practice what to say on the phone.
 - Spark! HD (€1.99) 52 scenarios are designed to encourage the child to use their imagination, encourage problem-solving and get families talking. The questions are open-ended so there's no right or wrong answer. Suitable for all ages.

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