



WORD APPS

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WORD MEANING



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About

Technology is rapidly developing and changing many areas of our lives, and this does not exclude Speech Pathology!

Many apps are developed specifically for clinical use and have excellent features for customizing and tracking client progress. To find a review of more than 200 adult therapy apps just go to Tactus Therapy <http://tactustherapy.com/resources>

We are also often asked about 'word games' and while these do not replace formal therapy there can be a role for more general language stimulation at certain stages of recovery. So read on for our top picks in free or low cost word apps for iOS devices...

Disclaimer: This guide is intended as a reference and does not include formal app evaluations. Apps should be considered an adjunct to therapy. Optimal SP has no connection with any of the app developers and recommends that clients discuss suitable apps with their treating clinician. Current pricing sourced from iTunes store at time of preparation of this guide – costs may vary. Information re compatibility is also available on iTunes. Android apps are not reviewed.



Our Current Favourites

Have a read below for some useful word association applications...



Chain of Thought

Word association game where words are linked by meaning (meal-lunch) or as part of a compound word eg (cow-boy). Can be played in pairs or as solo player

Multiple levels

- Some more unusual word associations so need to think of multiple word meanings..

- Cost: Free



Synonyms and Antonyms

Brainy Skills Synonyms and Antonyms is a simple game to practice words that are either synonyms or antonyms. The client reads a simple sentence and chooses the correct word by tapping on the correct answer from the two choices. Build points and answer bonus questions as you go...

- Cost: \$0.99



Word Wall

Another challenging word association game. Words can be synonyms, antonyms, or compound so again need to think laterally.

Larger word display than Chain of Thought so next step up in complexity.

- Cost: Free for first set (40 'walls') to complete, in store purchases for additional sets at \$0.99



“Words are of course the most powerful drug of all mankind”

Rudyard Kipling



Next Word

New this year so we have not heard as much about this app but it looks promising. 250 challenging levels and neat tree node configuration. Plenty of feedback for correct responses but sound can be turned down if this is not needed. Each level reveals a different number of pre-included words to get you started comfortably.

Cost: 0.99 All levels on initial purchase, no in-store purchases

Word to Word and Word Stack

Two similar word association game with a simple display but complex connections! Words can be antonyms, synonyms eg rind-peel, compound eg comic-strip and multiple meanings abound. Match the words from one list to the next - or pile them in a meaningful order to complete the word stack.

Cost: Free for one level, in store purchases to release more levels

Four Words – Guess the Word

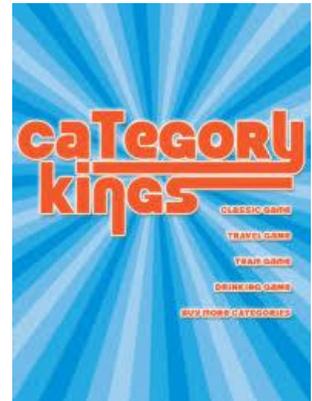
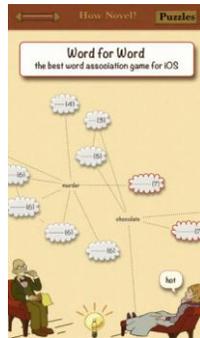
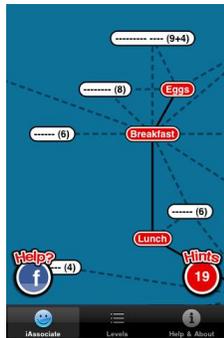
A variation on the “4 pictures, one word” one word app which we haven’t reviewed as surely everyone knows that one....

Four words with a common connection – spell out the answer based on these clues. Think synonyms, antonyms and compound words.

Cost: Free for first 40 levels, in store purchases to release more levels.



Contact OSP at any time for more information on these apps!



iAssociate 2 and Psychobabble

Endless hours of word association with these two. You start with the target word and try to generate connecting words (with numbers of letters as cues, and more help if needed) – as you complete one connecting word you reveal another web of association – so bull can lead you to cow, can lead you to milk, can lead you to tea, can lead to coffee etc etc.

- Cost: Free with in-store purchases.

Category Kings

One of many apps based on the popular Scattergories game but this one does not require you to register to play. You need a pen and paper as the app just provides the categories and target letter and two minutes to find as many words as you can. Two minutes to find a body of water, a bird, a thing you shout – all starting with the letter 'B'.

The free version is fairly limited (30 categories) and some of the extra categories look a bit dubious.. but still worth a look.

- Cost: Free with in-store purchases.

94 Seconds

This is fast and surprisingly tough. One letter, one category eg a fruit with 'p', a type of music with 'g' – you can answer or pass as the aim is speed association. Extra points for more unusual words and help along the way but this game definitely moves quickly...

- Cost: Free, but in-store purchases for extra categories.