

Using technology with your child

- Preview the app or website before using it with your child.
- Pick a quiet time and space where there are few distractions, to sit down to use apps or literacy websites.
- Engage in some of the tasks or games with your child to model your interest in literacy.
- Observe your child's use of literacy websites or apps to get a sense of your child's strengths and needs.
- Choose apps or games that target your child's needs and also pick ones that are enjoyable for both of you!
- Have your child work with an older or younger child as a teacher or learner, as appropriate.

How can digital resources support literacy?

Digital resources...

- Include apps for smartphones or tablets (e.g., iPad), interactive websites, and e-books.
- Can be used to increase motivation to read.
- May help children understand what they are reading and build their comprehension skills.

Considerations

- Children's literacy engagement is supported as parents/caregivers stay engaged. Interacting with your child and asking questions can enhance learning.
- Be aware of screen time limits and ensure it isn't compromising physical activity or other hobbies and socialization time.
- Talk about internet safety, as it arises in activities.

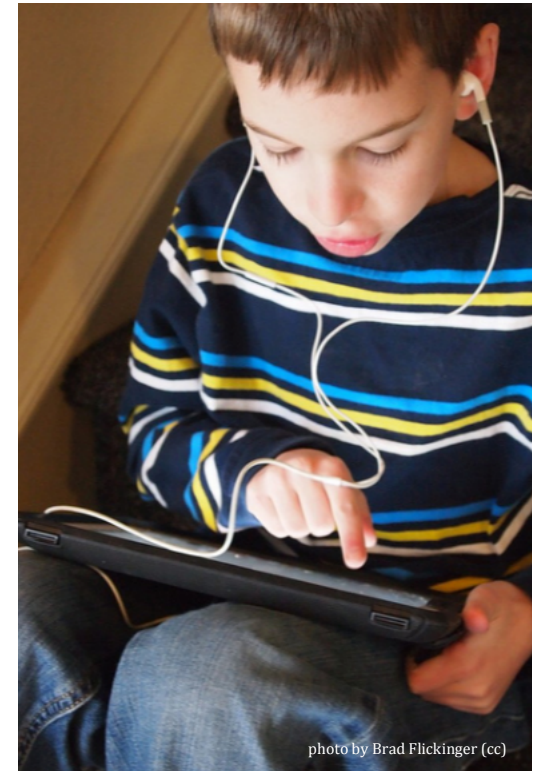


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USING DIGITAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT LITERACY DEVELOPMENT



Finding appropriate digital resources

Technology and online resources can change quickly. Use these tips to help you decide on what app, e-book, or website will best support your child's literacy development.






The use of digital resources are most effective when they...

- are age appropriate;
- match the components of literacy: phonological/phonemic awareness, letter knowledge/phonics, print awareness, fluency, vocabulary, and narrative skills/comprehension;
- gradually increase the number of tasks and/or level of difficulty;
- use a teaching or guided approach that supports the child as their literacy develops;
- are taught by a real or virtual instructor who provides examples and answers questions;
- engage children with a high level of relevant interaction that combines sight, sound, and touch;
- keep learning goals clear, noticeable and visually displayed;
- present large, readable fonts, a pause option, and timed questions;
- use text-to-speech stories, relevant animations, and an in-book dictionary.

Digital Resource Recommendations

Here are some ideas to get started!




To find them, search the names, or the URLs (case-sensitive) in the *Description*.

Digital Resource	Price	Description	What it helps
 Epic	\$	A kids' eBook subscription service that offers thousands of high-quality books. https://www.getepic.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all of the components of reading
 Build A Word	\$	Multiple games focused on using parts of words to build whole words, learning the sounds of letter combinations, and matching word pairs. https://goo.gl/gqDa6x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • phonological awareness • letter knowledge
 ABC Alphabet Letters by The Little Book	Free	Teaches letters and reads out letter sounds. https://goo.gl/2jV1bO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • letter knowledge
 Hideout: Early Reading	\$	Multiple highly engaging games that teach phonemes through sound, sight and touch. https://goo.gl/MC2BWb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • phonological awareness • vocabulary
 TumbleBooks	Free	Talking picture books that highlight words as read aloud. http://goo.gl/FHuqzk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vocabulary • print awareness
 Starfall ABCs	\$ (app) Free (Website)	Large variety of games and books to teach reading at various levels. https://goo.gl/rrzK38 (app) http://starfall.com (website)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • letter knowledge • phonological awareness • vocabulary • print awareness
 LetterSchool	\$	Kids practice writing skills with their fingers using fun games and patterns. https://goo.gl/0ScGQH (iOS) https://goo.gl/Xo3xtt (Android)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • letter knowledge • print awareness

Digital Resource Recommendations for French Immersion

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 French First Words with Phonics: Kids Preschool Spelling & Learning Game	\$	Teaches letters and sounds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> letter knowledge phonics
 My First Book of French Alphabets	Free	Teaches letters and sounds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> letter knowledge
Phonétique	Free	Teaches letters and sounds. http://phonetique.free.fr/alpha.htm http://phonetique.free.fr/phonconson/lr/plateau.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> letter knowledge phonics