

**iCan
Read**

**iCan
Write**

**with
iPads**

**(Based on the 6
Traits of Writing)**

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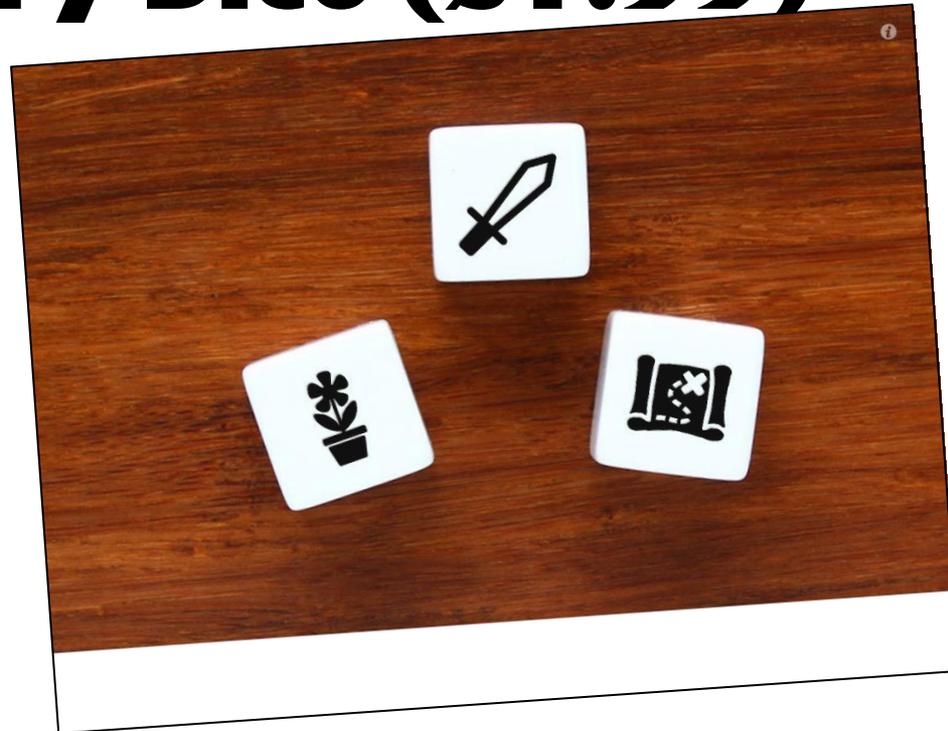


1. Gathering Ideas



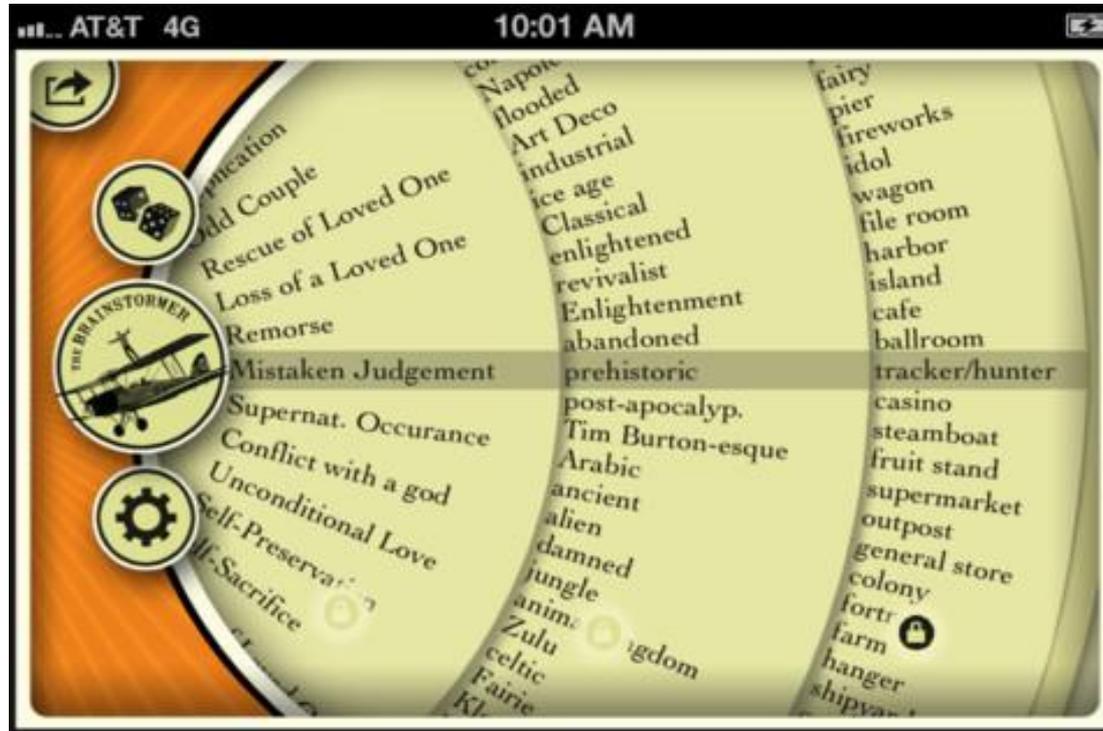
These apps will
help me get ideas
for my writing!

Name Dice (FREE) and Story Dice (\$1.99)



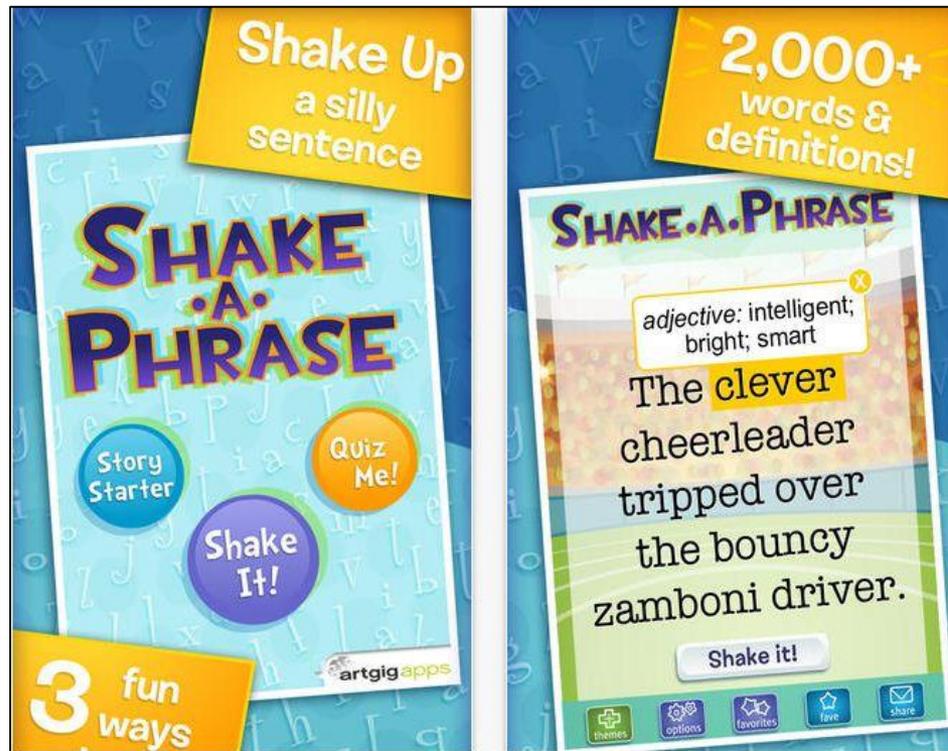
Do your students need help with what to write? Just shake the virtual dice and they will have ideas for character, plot, and setting.

Brainstormer (\$1.99)



Brainstormer randomly combines a plot, a subject and a setting or style to provide that elusive moment of inspiration for writers

Shake a Phrase (\$1.99)



Shake-a-Phrase helps children with exploring writing ideas and creating better sentences! Just shake to create fun story starters or silly sentences. Just shake for different ideas!

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Writer's Hat (\$0.99)

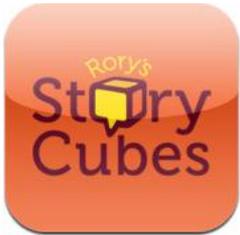


Help your students brainstorm the who, what, where, and when of the story. The Word Box section also gives stumped writers ideas for nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. The settings allow to change and add words in the word bank.

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Rory's Story Cubes (\$1.99)



Shake the picture cubes to come up with story ideas, to practice vocabulary, to think of good beginning, middle, or ends of stories using each picture, or just to practice developing good sentences. The possibilities are endless!

StoryWheel (\$2.99)



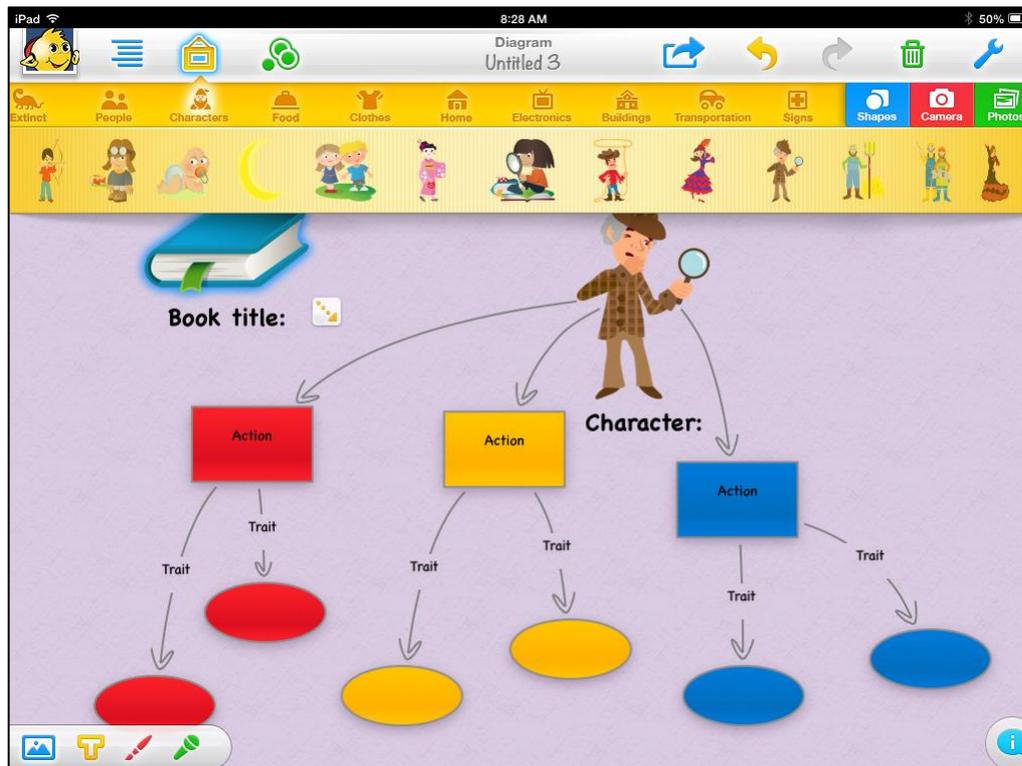
Practice telling stories together. Players record a story by spinning the wheel to get a picture, and then narrate a portion of the story. When the story is complete it is an animated story that can be listened to.

2. Organization

Now I need to
organize my ideas
so I am ready to
write.



Kidspiration/Inspiration (FREE)



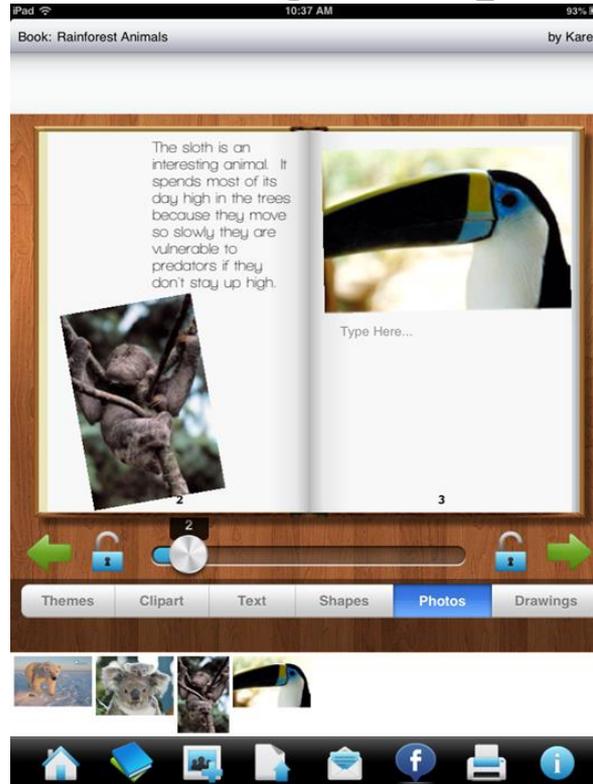
Brainstorm ideas, create character maps, practice letter sounds, compare and contrast, or create a story web. This app gives your students the tools to organize their thoughts to take their ideas to verbal or written expression.

3. Voice

Now I get to put
my ideas all
together and tell a
story.



Book Magic (FREE)



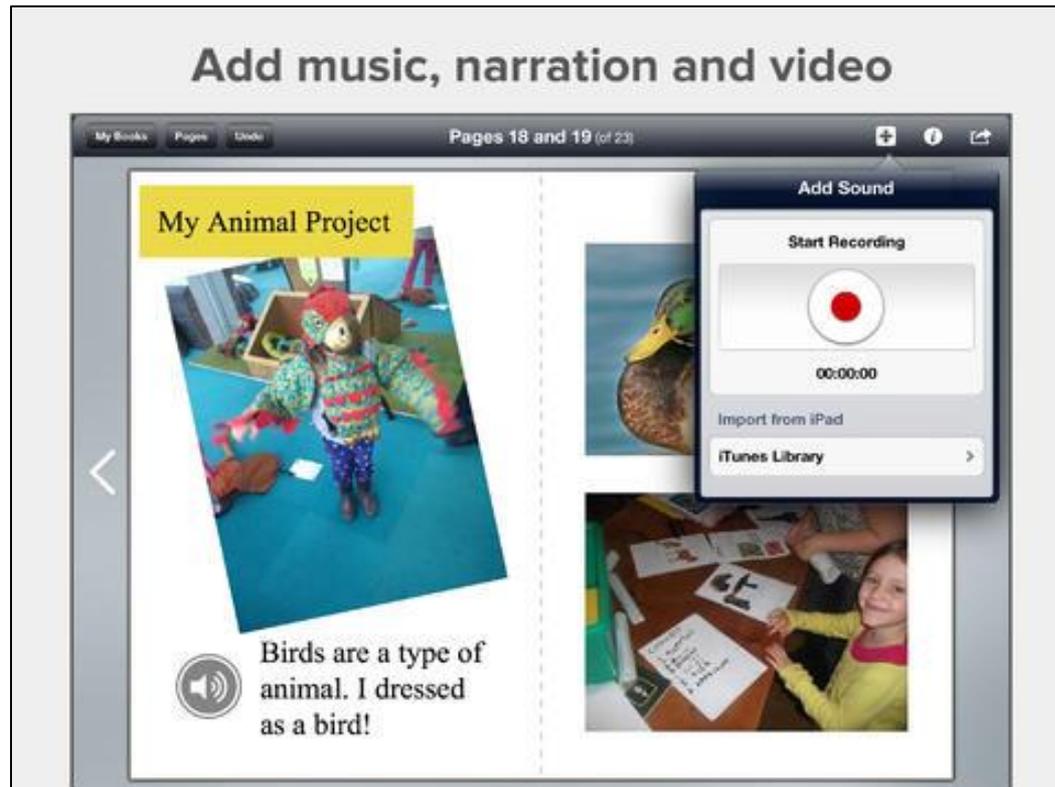
Students can create books with preloaded themes or add in their own images. Text can be placed anywhere on the page and audio can be added, too. A completed book can be printed in .pdf format or emailed.

Puppet Pals 2 (FREE or \$4.99)



Choose your puppet actors and your backgrounds then produce the story by moving your characters and recording the action. You can even use your own images to create characters and place your students right in the action!*with the paid version.

Book Creator (FREE or \$4.99)



Your students will become true publishers with Book Creator. This app is versatile enough that it can be used to create quality books with text, images, audio, and video for elementary students as well as professional publishers.

Bookabi (FREE)



A FREE book creation app that includes 2D and 3D characters and a great selection of backgrounds and images that are ready to use. Students can also import their own images as backgrounds or objects. The ability to add audio is a plus. Easy to share completed books.

Story Me (FREE)



Pumpkins begin as seeds.



The seeds grow into a sprout.



The sprout grows into vines and flowers blossom.



The flower becomes a green pumpkin and then orange.

Create comics with Story Me to storyboard ideas, to explain a “how to”, or to tell a short story. This app instantly turns your images into comics.

iMotion HD (FREE)



It is so simple to make stop-motion animation or Claymation videos with the iMotion HD app. Then if you want to add a soundtrack, just pull it into the iMovie app! You're a creative genius!

Haiku Deck (FREE)



Haiku Deck creates a beautifully slide with professional images for your students to use when writing poetry, retelling a story, summarizing a discussion, capturing a feeling, or creating a title page.... Many more!

4. Sentence Fluency

These apps help
me to be a
better writer.

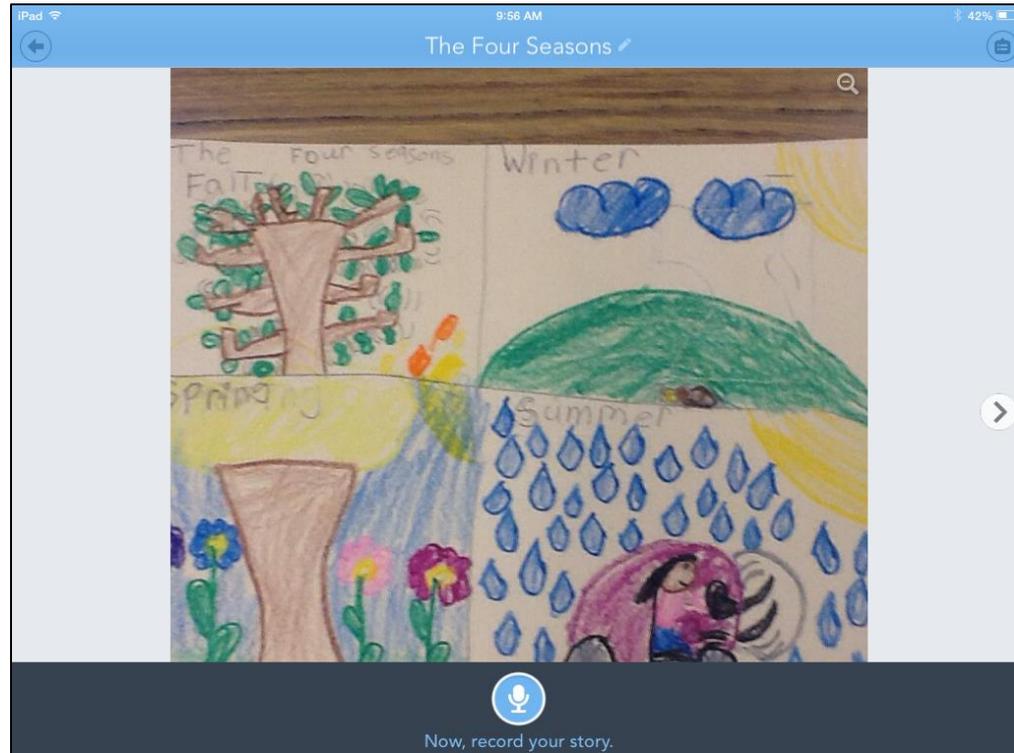


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Shadow Puppet (FREE)



With Shadow Puppet, your students can instantly create a video with narration to tell their story. Just upload a selection of images from your camera roll and students record their story while flipping through the images.

FaceTalker (FREE)



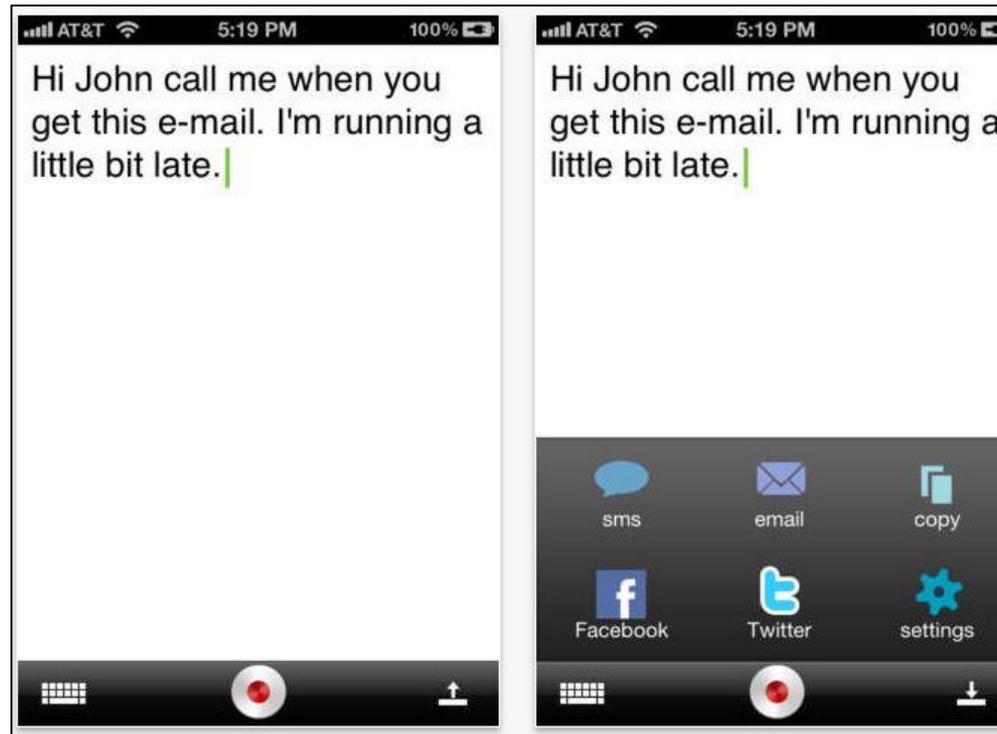
It's fun to make things talk! It can be educational too. This app allows your students to import images (drawn or real) and allow you to make them talk. Now you can make your pet tell about his adventure with the neighbors dog or George Washington can give a speech about himself.

Sock Puppets (FREE)



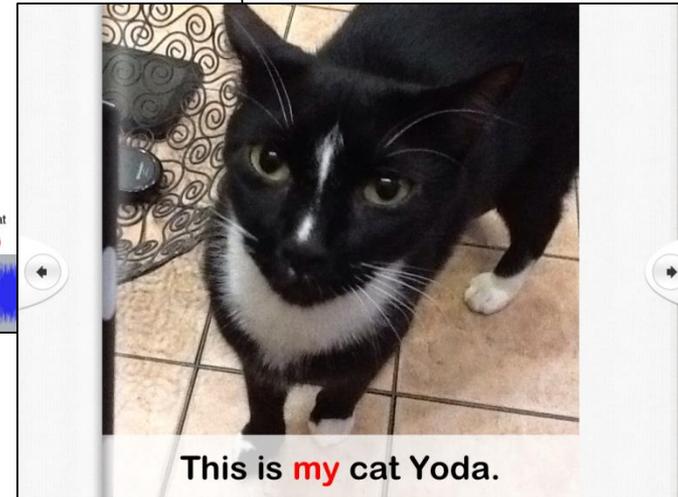
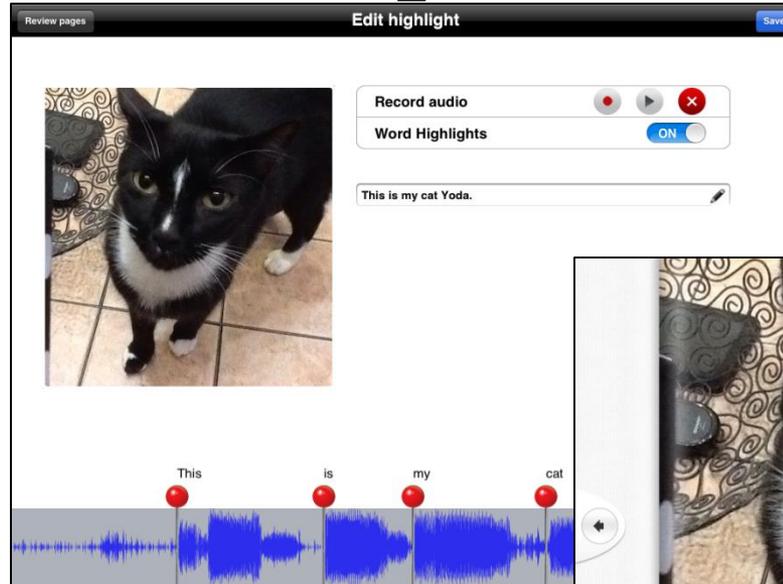
What could be more fun than having sock puppets tell your story? Choose your characters and background- you have 30 seconds to record your story. Stories can be saved locally or can be uploaded to YouTube or Facebook.

Dragon Dictation (FREE)



With this app, your reluctant writers can speak into the iPad and have their words magically translated into text. Students will still need to learn how to type, write and edit, but this app may help break through writer's block and help students work on developing fluency in their writing.

Little Story Maker (FREE)



Little Story Maker creates books that connect images, audio, and text. The author reads the text and places markers on the audio to signal the start of each word. This creates an audio book that can be read aloud to other students.

5. Word Choice and 6. Conventions



I didn't know
that writing
could be so
much fun!



Word Mover (FREE)



The screenshot shows the Word Mover app interface on an iPad. At the top, the status bar displays 'iPad', signal strength, '9:41 AM', and battery level. The app title 'WORD MOVER' is prominently displayed in a stylized font. Below the title, the user's name 'Name: Karen' is shown, along with a help icon (?), a 'Logout' button, and an information icon (i). A central text input field contains 'Untitled Work', with 'Share It!' and 'My Poems' buttons to its right. On the right side, there is a vertical 'BACKGROUNDS' menu with a downward arrow, and two icons: 'Add a Word' (a plus sign) and 'Trash' (a trash can). At the bottom, a 'WORD BANK' section is visible, featuring a 'Shuffle' button and a 'New Word Bank' button. The word bank contains the following words in individual boxes: o, beautiful, for, spacious, skies, for, amber, waves, of, grain, for, purple, mountains, majesties, above, the, fruited, plain, America, America, God, shed, his, grace, on, thee, and, crown, thy, good, with, brotherhood, from, sea, to, shining, sea.

This app from Read, Write, Think allow your students to create found poetry from famous writings or from their own word banks.

Poetics (\$1.99)



Practice word choice by creating a Poetics image. Students choose a background image from the camera roll and then input words that describe or tell a story about that image.

Sparkle Fish (FREE)



The app walks the user through the creation of a story by asking students to record words based on prompts given (for example, noun, adjective, number, etc.). After students have recorded their word choices, the app reads the story back to them.

Mad Libs (FREE)



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MAD LIBS
World's Greatest Word Game

FABLE #1

Once upon a time, a/an funny book
ADJECTIVE NOUN
expert named Brent felt a/an
PERSON-IN-ROOM
silly pain. He sent for a/an tiny
ADJECTIVE ADJECTIVE

There are 21 free stories to play with in this app. Your students will have fun creating silly stories while practicing parts of speech.

Bluster! (FREE)



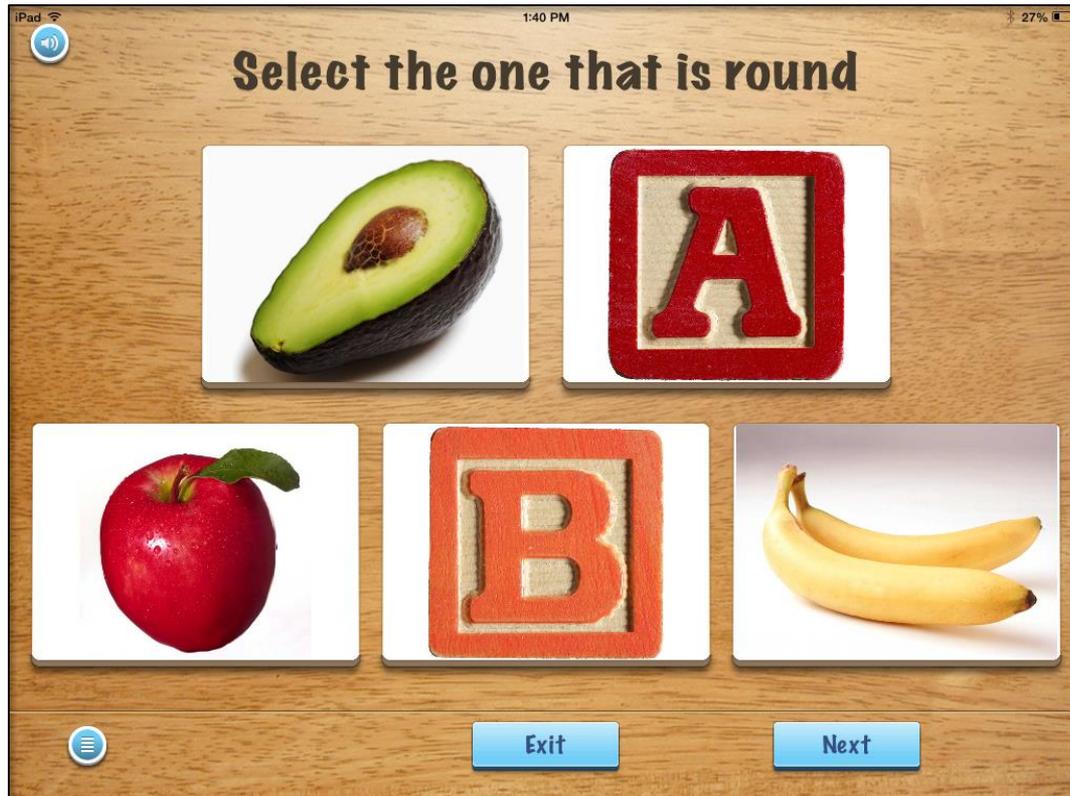
Develop vocabulary and word understanding. Bluster includes over 800 vocabulary words and students can choose from multiple levels to play alone or with a friend.

Grammar Wonderland (FREE)



This app delivers a way to engage students in grammar review by participating in a trio of games that test parts of speech recognition.

See Touch Learn (FREE)



Create custom lessons to teach vocabulary to your early elementary or special needs students.

Reading



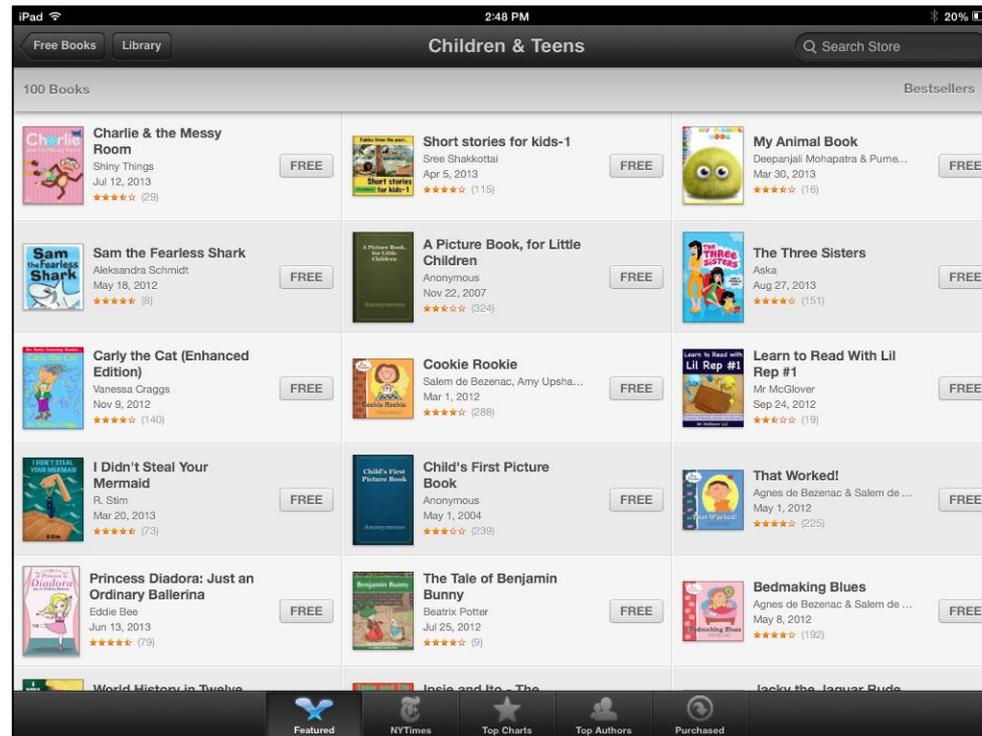
My iPad is a great tool to help me read. I can get word definitions while I read and highlight important information.

Collins Books (FREE)



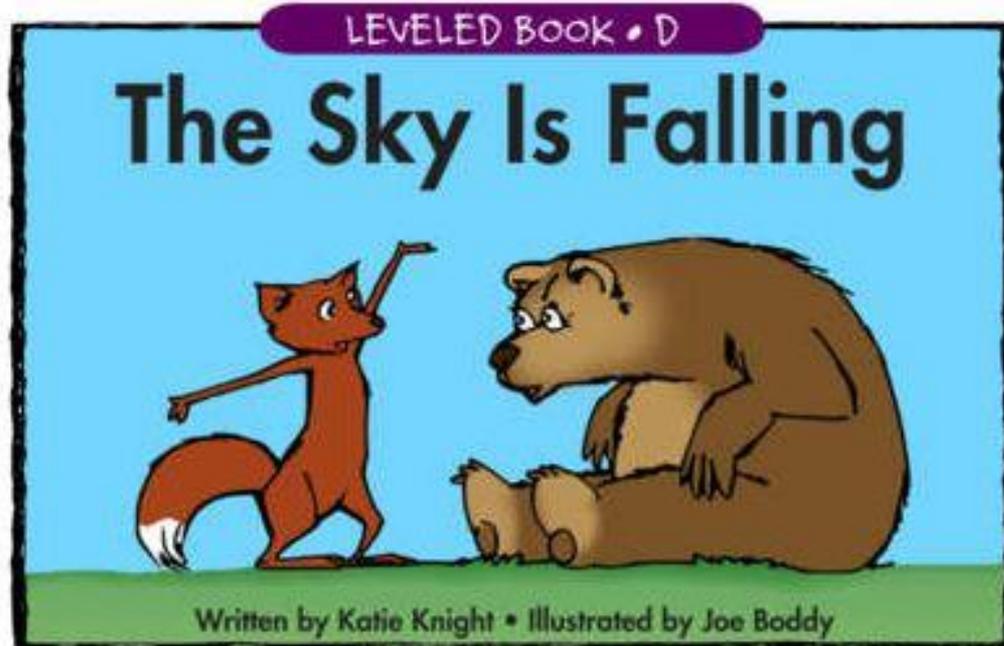
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iBooks (FREE)



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