

ABA Emotions

Cost: \$0.99.

Publisher: © Alligator Apps.

Platform: iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch.

Description: This is an ideal app to use for young ages, particularly 1-4 years old. This serves as a great tool for learning how to identify emotions properly with the use of flashcards. There is a feature associated where you can create your own, personalized flashcards.

Features: Game-based, interactive, option for timing the game activities, customizing flashcards, font size, font type, etc.

Grade Levels: Early Childhood

Subject Area: Social Skills

Assessments: Yes, this app records student performance.

Strengths: This app provides a very straight forward, user-friendly interface that most young children could easily pick up and use automatically. With the words to label emotions, pictures follow with an expression that demonstrates the word they are working on. Another strength is that the words are read aloud for children and repeated when they are shown the picture as well.

Weaknesses: It would be an even better app if this could cater to older students with Autism that are struggling to identify the emotions of others and themselves. I can also see the possibility of students getting bored with the content because there are not necessarily 'levels' to enhance the student's recognition skills.

Overall Impression: It is a great starter app for students who struggle with identifying emotions. It is fun & interactive as well, which helps students to feel it is actually a fun opportunity rather than instructional learning.

Connections to UDL Guidelines: Develop self-assessment and reflection (9.3)