Social Stories

Cost: Free

Publisher: Touch Autism

Platform: iOS only.

Description: This app helps children that have been diagnosed with special needs. It teaches lessons that help students feel less stress in situations that typically bring them discomfort. It also demonstrates possible outcomes/ situations that could potentially happen throughout their everyday life. The idea is that these demonstrations will help better prepare students for the future. It's a valuable tool for teachers, professors, and direct care centers to use with their students.

Features: Allows for users to create their own stories, printing options available after creation, any language is available for creation, does not need an internet connection and can also be utilized for visual schedules, etc.

Grade Levels: Pre-K through 3rd

Subject Area: Social Skills

Assessments: No, this app does not record student performance.

Strengths: The ability to create your own stories to help demonstrate to students what is appropriate in given situations is a great tool to use. There are times when students do not wish to talk over situations with their parents, however listening to advice from a third party may get the message across. Students may also use this as a way to communicate their understanding of content knowledge within a classroom on a social skill development project.

Weaknesses: This app is not catered for grade levels above 3rd. It is also disappointing the app is not available for Android devices.

Overall Impression: If you are looking for an app that provides you with the freedom to create stories that cater directly to your students or children in your life that struggle in social skill development, this is a wonderful app to choose. It has also been said to provide users with a user-friendly interface that makes creation effortless.

Connections to UDL Guidelines:
Offers ways of customizing the display of information (1.1)
Offers alternatives for visual information (1.2)
Illustrate through multiple media (2.5)
Guide information processing and visualization (3.3)
Use multiple media for communication (5.1)
Use multiple tools for construction and composition (5.2)
Develop self-assessment and reflection (9.3)