


# Academia SEND Provision

## Autism Apps

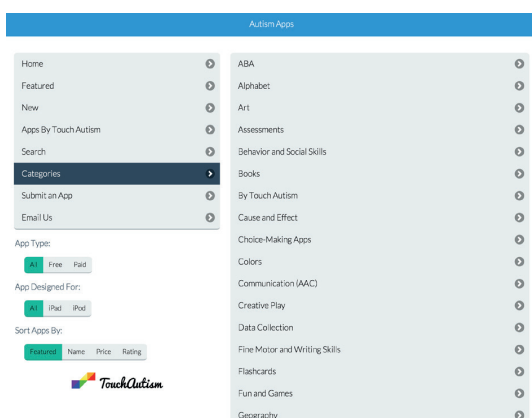
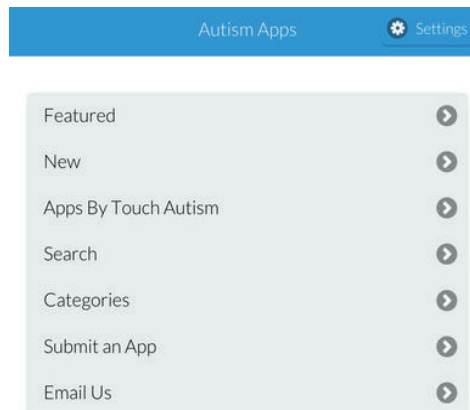
Name of App	Autism apps
Icon	
Developer	Touch Autism
Website	<a href="http://www.touchautism.com">www.touchautism.com</a>
Twitter	<a href="https://twitter.com/touchautism">https://twitter.com/touchautism</a>
Cost	Free
Category	Education
Key Words	SEND, Autism, special needs
Overview (from iTunes)	“Autism Apps was created as a resource for anyone looking for apps for people diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder, Down syndrome or other special need.”

### Review

With a myriad of apps on the app store it can sometimes be a challenge to find a single app or even a range of apps that match specific requirements; even more so when it comes to apps for supporting learners with special needs or complex needs. Many developers create stunning apps that engage learners- it is simply a matter of finding them.

This is where Autismapps comes in really handy. It is not necessarily an app for learners in its own right; it is what I like to refer to as a “gateway app”, meaning that you go to this app to go to other apps.

Once you open the app you can select apps created by Touch Autism or use the search feature to identify apps based on specific need.

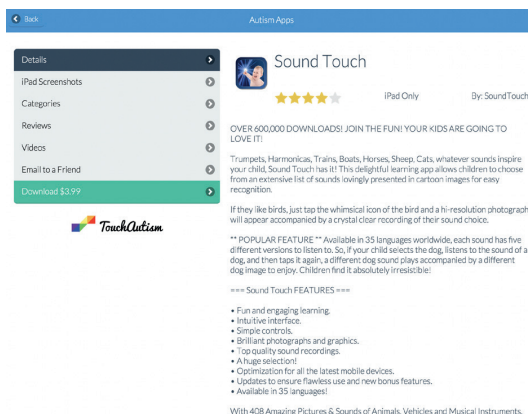


## Features

The beauty of this app is in its simplicity. From the main menu there are only seven options and most users will spend the majority of their time in the “Categories” section. Clicking on “Categories” brings up a very comprehensive list in alphabetical order of specific areas of need, including apps for educational based need such as “alphabet”, “colours”, “music”, “numbers”; there are also categories for other areas of learning and need such as “behaviour and social skills”, “cause and effect”, “choice making” and “self care”.

On the left hand side of the screen the search can be limited further to apps that are free or paid and can be sorted by a range of filters such as rating.

Once you have chosen your category, Autism Apps shows a list of potential apps that can help with learning. Simply click on the specific app and an overview of the app will be displayed. You can also click on the link to go directly to the App Store and download it.



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Personally I have used the app many times to help find apps for learners with specific needs. Although the app was designed principally with autism in mind, the apps that are referenced can meet the needs of many learners with a range of needs from autism to cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome- and also for learners with a specific learning delay. The app is a great place to start looking for a core of highly effective apps and a wonderful way of helping learners to engage in learning and socialisation and can be a useful springboard to exploring apps that you might otherwise not find.

If you have found a useful app why not tell Academia Edu about it?

▶ Contact Paul Hutton to discuss how we can help you integrate Apple technology into your SEND lessons.

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