APPS FOR LOW LEVEL ADULT ESL LEARNERS

Educreations (FREE) Turns your iPad into a recordable whiteboard. Students or teachers can make a video of their lesson and it syncs to the other iPads. It records your voice and handwriting and allows you to add images. (Very good for short story listening/reading, songs, vocabulary, and for creation by students! The technology make it look professional! Tip: First create a teacher account, then create your lessons on the teacher account so students can't accidently erase them!)

<u>Little Writer</u> (FREE) by Alligator Apps Very basic tracing practice for forming letters, and numbers. Can do words. Can adapt settings, sounds, letter and word order. (For some non-literate students this tracing was useful! Sound can be adjusted.)

Montessori Crosswords (\$2.99) by L'Escapadou Students spell pictured words with a phonics-enabled alphabet (letter sounds). Choose from 44 sound categories - e.g. words that contain a specific sound (short a or /k/ sound, etc.) Many settings to customize experiences using 320 words with image and audio. (We focused on a specific short vowel sound. Very engaging. Good updates.)

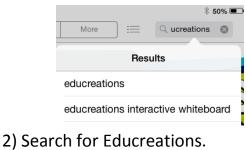
SpellingCity (FREE) by Vocabulary SpellingCity Sign up for a free account on the website www.spellingcity.com Create your own spelling lists (with your own definitions and sentences) or use their ready-made lists. Imports list from the website into the app and is then available on all the iPads. Includes 8 learning activities that can be used with any list. (Students liked it. More useful for students who could already read. We found it a good way to store spelling lists but not so effective with lowest level students. For low level, perhaps with your own consonant-vowel-consonant words focusing on a few sounds it would be a bridge from phonics?)

Multiplication + (FREE) by The App Gate Inc. Students practice multiplication from 1x1 to 9x9. Can choose what set(s) of numbers (x2; x3, etc.) to use for each iPad. This is a fast-paced times-table app that we used at the beginning of our math class while students were still arriving.

Addition!! and also Multiplication!! (FREE) by Horizon Business, Inc. Shows the steps of multi-digit addition or multiplication and gives practice.

<u>Clockwise</u> (FREE) by Playground This is practice. Set the digital clock based on the analogue one. It tracks the success rate.





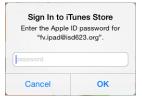
1) Go to the App Store.



3) Click Educreations



5) Click INSTALL



- 6) Enter your password.
- 7) App will install.
- 8) Finished when you see OPEN