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A GUIDE TO CHOOSING TECH FOR YOUR PRESCHOOLER

PRESCHOOL APP CHECKLIST

Use this checklist along with our guide to make sure that the screen-based learning program you're selecting is appropriate for your preschooler.

IS IT MADE FOR PRESCHOOLERS?

☐ It is rated for children 0-5.
☐ The privacy policy states it is made for children under 13.
☐ The app was created with children's development in mind:
  ☐ My child has many opportunities to be creative and use their imagination in the app.
  ☐ My child's experience isn't interrupted by ads or prompts to upgrade to a paid version.
  ☐ My child understands the content and can apply the information in the app to real life.
  ☐ My child can play with me or their sibling and feel connected.

IS IT EDUCATIONAL?

☐ Any educational claims are backed by a legitimate research study.
☐ The app is not designed to make it especially hard for my child to stop using it.

IS IT SAFE?

☐ My child will only interact with people we know, with my consent.
☐ The app's privacy policy states that it will protect my child's data.
☐ I feel comfortable with the data that this program collects.

BEFORE PLAYING:

☐ I downloaded it myself. My child cannot download programs on their own.
☐ I have played it myself before giving it to my child.
☐ I have played it alongside my child.
☐ We have set limits on how, where, when my child can play, and my child understands and agrees to the limits we have set.
☐ My child has had opportunities for real, offline, hands-on play before and after using the app or program.