

WEBSITES, APPS SUITABLE FOR STUDENTS WITH DYSLEXIA – 2019

Type/Title	Description (descriptions adapted from apps' websites)	Links
ORGANIZATION		
Kidspiration Maps	For grades K to 5, building and organizing diagrams	http://www.inspiration.com/
Inspiration Maps	For grades 4 and up, building diagrams, graphic organizers, outlines	
Time Timer	Time tracking app. Time management with a visual depiction of time, also audible signals	https://www.tsheets.com/pages/app-twopart?utm_source=Bing&utm_medium=pay-per-click&utm_campaign=Clock_In_Out_RLSA&utm_term=best%20app%20for%20clocking%20in%20and%20out&utm_content=Clock_In_App&msclkid=67401a6a3839181cc7624601e974a72a
MindMeister	Online mind mapping tool that lets you capture, develop and share ideas visually. Create, view and edit mind maps. For brainstorming, note taking, project planning and tons of other creative tasks. MindMeister is completely web-based, which means there's no download and no updating!	https://www.mindmeister.com/?utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=world_en_search&utm_content=mm&msclkid=d5d02665022d142865a27a0ed3e12a77&utm_term=mindmeister
Popplet	You can create mind maps online that can help dyslexic students organize their thoughts and points for structuring the foundation of essays, letters etc.	www.popplet.com
READING/WRITING/SPELLING		
StoryKit	Storykit is a multimedia storytelling mobile app. It allows its users to create electronic storybooks and share them with others. Create a story and illustrate by drawing on the screen, taking a photograph of something you see, or drawing on paper and then photographing the paper, or attaching photos from your album. Storykit is a practical tool for teachers who can use it to create their own storytelling books and share them with their students. It is all free and anyone can use it easily. Storykit is compatible with iPod touch, iPhone touch, and iPad.	https://www.educatorstechnology.com/2011/05/storykit-free-mobile-multimedia.html

Pocket Phonics	The Pocket Phonics Stories application is a program to teach students (4 to 7 year-olds) to read using phonics. It is designed to be used with individual or multiple students and is great for classroom or group use.	https://www.educationalappstore.com/app/pocketphonics-stories
First Words Deluxe	Reading game for kids, phonics. First Words Deluxe provides endless fun for the toddlers, giving the child a head start on learning their letters and learning to spell words.	https://www.commonsensemedia.org/app-reviews/first-words-deluxe
See Read Say	Did you know before children finish first grade, they should be able to read all the Dolch sight words? This list of 220 words, prepared by E.W. Dolch, generally made up from 50 to 75 percent of the reading material encountered by students. These words are generally known as Dolch words, high-frequency words, or "sight words".	https://appadvice.com/app/see-read-say/322313775
ABC Spelling Magic 1	Teaches the sounds of the letters, helps your child learn the sounds of the alphabet and how to build words. This app indirectly teaches the essential reading skill of segmenting as well. Two levels of challenge are available.	https://sites.google.com/site/interactwithmyboard/ipad-apps-and-apptivities/language-development-apps/abcsPELLINGmagic123
ABC Spelling Magic-2	This level focuses on teaching consonant blends.	
ABC Spelling Magic 3	Gives the opportunity to practice building 4-7 letter words that contain two or more syllables.	https://appadvice.com/app/abc-spelling-magic-4/598794973
ABC Spelling Magic 4	This app will help children gain mastery with words that contain silent final e.	
Spy Sam Reading Series	This multi-book adventure starts with a few simple words on each page. Gradually the simplistic cartoon façade falls away to reveal a thought-provoking plot that champions loyalty and determination. You can download 3 books.	http://www.spysam.com/
Sentence Maker	It is a simple sentence-forming app that can help kids learn the basics of word pairing and sentence structure. This app can be helpful for kids who have difficulty with spoken and written expression.	https://www.commonsensemedia.org/app-reviews/sentence-maker
Learn to Read, Write and Spell	Teaches young users foundational literacy skills.	https://appedreview.com/app/learn-to-read-write-and-spell-2/
Clicker Books (from Crick software)	Supporting writing and reading for learners of English, French & Spanish. Images and sound are incorporated into texts. Teachers and learners can create their	https://appadvice.com/app/clicker-books/645936237

	own grids and texts with a range of features. It is available as an app and as software, too.	
British Council – Learn English Teens	Teaches how to write a story,	http://bit.ly/LETeensStory2 http://bit.ly/LETeensStory1
First step reading	It is for young students under 12. online video lessons, mainly songs to teach young students to read through practicing sounds, phonics and blending.	www.firststepreading.com
Reading A-Z	Thousands of downloadable, projectable, printable teacher materials, covering all the skills necessary for effective reading instruction	https://www.readinga-z.com/
Make Beliefs Comix	Website for creating comics	http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/comix/
Teach your monster to read	The groundbreaking game that makes learning to read fun <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covers everything from letters and sounds to reading full sentences. • Designed in collaboration with leading academics. • Complements all synthetic phonics programmes used in schools. • Computer version is 100% free. 	www.teachyourmonstertoread.com
Wikipanion	Access Wikipedia with an online dictionary from any word in the article. It is the best and fastest Wikipedia browsing application for iOS. Can be used when reading books online and facing unfamiliar words.	http://www.wikipanion.net/
Vocabulary Spelling City	Teaching, learning spelling, phonics and vocabulary through games and activities.	www.spellingcity.com
Newsela	Digital reading experiences supercharge reading engagement and learning in every subject. Teachers at PRO schools and districts get access to dedicated Newsela specialists and can unlock a variety of Professional Learning resources to effectively implement Newsela PRO and drive learning.	https://newsela.com/
Dvolver movie maker	Tool to practice writing. Students can make a short "movie" choosing among different characters, backgrounds and movements, than they have to write the dialogue. At the end you will see your "movie" as a cartoon with balloon dialogues.	http://www.dvolver.com/moviemaker/make.html

VOCABULARY LEARNING

Fotobabble	<p>It allows users to take a new photo or insert a photo from the camera roll. After inserted to a page, users select a frame, choose various editing effects, and add stickers, drawings, and text. Then, users record themselves adding information about the photo. This activity is especially helpful to scaffold English language learners understanding of academic vocabulary.</p>	http://www.fotobabble.com/
Quizlet	<p>App to help you memorize words, allows you to add photos, it also includes pronunciation.</p>	https://quizlet.com/
Anki cards	<p>A program which makes remembering things easy, it helps you tp create flashcards.</p> <p>Anyone who needs to remember things in their daily life can benefit from Anki. Since it is content-agnostic and supports images, audio, videos and scientific markup (via LaTeX), the possibilities are endless.</p> <p>For example: Learning a language, studying for medical and law exams, memorizing people's names and faces, brushing up on geography, mastering long poems, even practicing guitar chords!</p>	https://apps.ankiweb.net/
Pic Collage	<p>The app is useful to extend vocabulary knowledge of words with multiple meanings and shades of meaning. Photos can be inserted to frames and text can be inserted next to the photo containing the vocabulary. Or in math, students can locate and label various geometric shapes.</p>	https://pic-collage.com/
Explain Everything	<p>It is a screencasting app. Users enter images, videos, and text to a blank slide. Tools include inserting arrows to direct attention and text highlighting options. With scaffolding and support, teachers and students can use this app in various ways to personalize students' vocabulary development and interest in words.</p>	https://explaineverything.com/
English 4 kids	<p>ESL Kids Activities Online - Interactive Vocabulary Quizzes, Online Vocabulary Games We provide these self-grading quizzes and interactive exercises to help esl kids practice English vocabulary online. Most of these exercises are in line with our video tutorials which you can find on the site.</p>	http://www.english-4kids.com/flashcards.html
Vocabulary Spelling City	<p>Teaching, learning spelling, phonics and vocabulary through games and activities.</p>	www.spellingcity.com

PHONEMIC AWARENESS		
Macmillan – Phonemic charts	Phonemic charts (American E & British E) created by Adrian Underhill	http://www.macmillanenglish.com/pronunciation/interactive-phonemic-charts/
Macmillan – Pronunciation Skills Videos	Pronunciation skills videos and app created by Adrian Underhill	http://www.macmillanenglish.com/pronunciation/videos-with-adrian-underhill/ http://www.macmillaneducationapps.com/soundspron/
Montessorium: Intro to Words	It is a Montessori-style learning app that helps kids learn letter sounds and teaches them how to form words. The app includes a tactile approach to learning, since kids can physically manipulate letters onscreen. Kids hear the sound of each letter as they touch it and drag it into position to form words. The app has four sections. The first two ask kids to spell words after seeing a picture of the word and hearing it spoken. The third section lets kids use letters and images to write their own stories. The fourth is a version of "I Spy" that incorporates letter sounds.	https://www.commonsensemedia.org/app-reviews/alpha-writer-by-montessorium
Education.com	Games to play online for phonics - useful to those of you teaching phonics to ESL students.	https://www.education.com/games/reading+phonics/
Kiz Club	Printable phonics activities for kids.	http://kizclub.com/phonicsactivities.htm
Deep Sea Phonics	Games for kids to practice phonemic awareness.	Youtube video about it: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49bUXPnlp6A http://learningphonics.blogspot.com/2011/11/deep-sea-phonics.html
Vocabulary Spelling City	Teaching, learning spelling, phonics and vocabulary through games and activities.	www.spellingcity.com
Rosetta Stone	Ideal for beginners or intermediate learners. Rosetta Stone teaches without translations. Instead, it helps learners associate words with sounds and images directly. This makes it very easy to approach a new language for the first time.	

SPEECH TO TEXT		
Dragon Dictation	Fast and accurate speech recognition, dictation and transcription.	https://shop.nuance.co.uk/store/nuanceeu/en_GB/Content/pbPage.microsite-dragon-overview?currency=EUR&pgmid=95401100&acc_tag=uk2&adid=80401855663805&addisstype=s
Dragon Search	Dragon Search is the Fast, Accurate and Smart way to search online content on your iPhone™ using your voice. Simply speak your search queries and get simultaneous results from a variety of top websites and content sources	https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/dragon-search/id341452950
Software for DM-670 Olympus recorder	Downloads for DM-670 firmware	https://www.olympus.co.uk/site/en/a/audio_support/audio_support_downloads/dm_670_downloads/index.html
TEXT TO SPEECH		
Texthelp	At Texthelp, we know there's a whole world of avid readers and fluent writers out there waiting for the right support. Our assistive learning solutions help people of all ages achieve their potential by understanding, reading, writing and communicating with greater ease and confidence. Our products are great for people with learning difficulties, dyslexia or visual impairments, English Language Learners (ELL) and those learning English as a Second Language (ESL).	https://www.texthelp.com/en-gb/
Claro Software	Claro Software develops Assistive Technology , software for people with disabilities such as print and reading difficulties like dyslexia, to help them achieve all they can. We are experts in speech synthesis, word prediction, spell checking and switch access, and combine them to make innovative, easy-to-use products.	https://www.clarosoftware.com/
APP STORES, PLATFORMS FOR LEARNING		
Startfall	Activities and games for different age groups (for grades K to 3) in different skills, school subjects	www.starfall.com

PEATC – Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center	<p>The Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center builds positive futures for Virginia's children by working collaboratively with families, schools and communities in order to improve opportunities for excellence in education and success in school and community life. Their special focus is children with disabilities. They do this by providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Services and support for families and professionals; - Easy-to-understand, research-based information and training; and - Opportunities for strategic partnerships and advocacy for systemic improvement. 	http://www.peatc.org/
Educational App Store	Educational App Store is a discovery, review and recommendation platform for educational apps. All of our apps are certified and reviewed by professionally experienced teachers, to help educators progress a younger child's (variety of age groups) education.	https://www.educationalappstore.com/
Literacy Apps	Apps to support your child's language and literacy development. A handy guide for parents from the National Literacy Trust. Get the most out of apps that help your young child learn language and communication skills.	http://literacyapps.literacytrust.org.uk/
Edutopia's resource on Game-Based Learning	Collection of articles, videos, and resources on using video games, simulations, and gaming concepts in the classroom.	http://www.edutopia.org/game-based-learning-resources?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=post&utm_campaign=roundup-game-based-learning-resources-imag
LearnEnglish Kids	British Council website: lots of free online games, songs, stories and activities for children. For parents: articles on supporting children in learning English, videos on using English at home and information about face-to-face courses around the world.	http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en
ESL Games Plus	ESL Games Plus offers interactive online games for learning and teaching English as a Second Language. Our learning games are mostly suitable for teaching ESL Kids and Teenagers. There are activities for teaching and practising English grammar, vocabulary, sentences, listening and pronunciation skills. By playing our	http://www.eslgamesplus.com/

	fun educational games, students learn English vocabulary, sentence structures, grammar, listening, pronunciation and phonics.	
BBC skillwise – English and Maths for adults	Practical literacy skills for adults. Collection of reading, writing, spelling, word grammar, sentence grammar, speaking and listening activities.	http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/english/games
Classtools	Create free games, quizzes, activities and diagrams in seconds.	www.classtools.net
English activities	Free website for English learners. Lessons, games, challenging tests in a variety of topics.	https://www.englishactivities.net/
Study ladder	Studyladder is a web-based program built by teachers to help students of all abilities have fun while learning.	www.studyladder.com
Promethean Planet	Millions of interactive resources from educators around the world. Training Hub to discover new ActivInspire tips, tricks, videos, and more!	http://www.prometheanplanet.com/en-us/
English 4 kids	The website is basically for parents and teachers trying to help their kids study English. You will find a guide to the materials you need in the TEACHERS and PARENTS section of the site. Since these resources have been prepared by ESL professionals with at least 5 years teaching experience, you will find this site a great help: worksheets, games, videos, interactive video lessons & Powerpoint downloads in a variety of topics for developing different language learning skills.	http://www.english-4kids.com/index.html
Socrative	Classroom app for fun, effective engagement and on-the-fly assessments.	https://www.socrative.com/
Kahoot!	Kahoot! is a game-based learning platform, free for teachers of awesome and classroom superheroes. Play, learn, have fun and celebrate together!	https://kahoot.com/what-is-kahoot/
SONGS AND VIDEOS FOR KIDS		
ELF Kids Videos	Songs for kids	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eU13w4D1gJE
Kids TV123		https://www.youtube.com/user/KidsTV123
Busy Beavers		https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbt63GNsB5wet6NO3dmhssA