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## DIGITAL TOOLS AND APPS FOR YOUNG LEARNERS IN TEACHING READING

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**Annotation:** *This article discusses how to teach young learners to improve their reading skills using digital tools and apps. Students can enhance their comprehension, cohesion, grammar, vocabulary, cooperative working and learning techniques with the help of modern technologies. By integrating digital resources, students can engage more actively in reading activities. The article highlights the potential of digital tools and apps to foster educational growth at each stage of students' educational excellence.*

**Key words:** *young learners, reading, digital tools, apps, improve, teaching, technology, comprehension and cohesion.*

### **Introduction**

“Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary” – Jim Rohn[1]. In these days teaching students with traditional methods is much more difficult for teachers in teaching reading for young learners. They cannot focus on ordinary teaching techniques in learning new things due to the fact that they are growing up in technological era. It is obvious that the technologies will never replace great teachers, but in the hands of the teachers, they are transformational. Creating new techniques, methods, games or preparing guidelines for digital tools in teaching reading will help boost Gen Z students' literacy skills and also promote a lifetime love of reading.

### **Literature**

More specifically the integration of digital technologies in the field of special education has proven to be highly productive and successful (Drigas et al. al., 2019). The use of mobile devices has facilitated and enhanced educational procedures in various ways. These technologies provide opportunities for personalized learning, individualized instruction, and access to a wide range of educational resources and apps (Chaidi & Drigas, 2022). Mobile devices offer flexibility and mobility, allowing students with special needs to engage in learning activities both in and outside of the classroom[2].



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The integration of technology in reading through educational technology for literacy offers an unprecedented opportunity to enhance traditional learning methods. By incorporating digital literacy tools, educators can provide a more engaging, inclusive, and effective reading experience that prepares students for success in the digital era[3].

The incorporation of digital technologies, particularly mobile devices, has considerably enhanced the area of special education by allowing for personalized learning, individualized training, and more access to educational resources. These improvements enhance traditional reading instruction by making learning more enjoyable and accessible to individuals with special needs. As educational technology advances, its function in promoting digital literacy and enhancing reading abilities will be critical in preparing students for success in the modern world.

## **Methods**

### **Digital tools and apps**

#### *1. Reading eggs*

“Reading eggs” online program[4] is the best website for students to improve comprehension. This can be appropriate for children aged 2-13 and it is trusted and used by 12,000 schools worldwide. This program focuses on games more than ordinary lessons. Children love the games, songs, golden eggs and other rewards which motivate children to keep exploring and learning. Young learners do all exercises related to reading because of interesting and colorful games.

#### *2. Worldreader's BookSmart*

Worldreader's BookSmart[5] is a free digital reading app that provides access to thousands of high-quality, age-appropriate books in multiple languages. It aims to foster a reading culture among children aged 3–12 by offering engaging and educational content. There are some benefits of this app, such as free access to books, multilingual support and encouraging independent reading.

#### *3. Google read along*

Google Read Along[6] is a free Android app designed to help children improve their reading skills. It features an interactive virtual assistant named "Diya," who listens to children read aloud, provides real-time feedback, and offers encouragement to enhance reading fluency and comprehension. The learners can improve their independent learning.

## **Results and discussion**



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Traditional teaching methods have changed as a result of the growing use of technology in the classroom, particularly when it comes to teaching young students to read. There are arguments for why improving reading skills requires the use of digital resources and applications.

First of all, digital tools encourage participation and drive. Young students, who are used to engaging digital activities, are frequently disinterested in traditional reading approaches. To keep kids motivated and involved in reading activities, educational apps such as Google Read Along and Reading Eggs include games, animations, and prizes.

Personalized learning can also be taught using tools and apps. Since each child learns differently, digital tools enable tailored education. Students can choose books that are appropriate for their reading ability and interests thanks to apps like Worldreader's Book Smart, which offer a personalized reading experience.

Finally, they help improve literacy skills. Interactive reading apps help children enhance their phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension skills. For instance, Google Read Along listens to children read and provides real-time pronunciation feedback, improving their fluency.

## **Conclusion**

The integration of digital tools and applications in teaching reading has transformed traditional educational methods, making learning more engaging, personalized, and accessible for young learners. In a world where technology plays a crucial role, it is essential for educators to embrace innovative techniques such as interactive reading apps, gamified learning platforms, and AI-powered reading assistants to enhance literacy skills. While technology cannot replace teachers, it serves as a powerful tool to support and motivate students to develop a lifelong love for reading. By leveraging these resources, educators can ensure that young learners are well-equipped for success in the digital era while maintaining the core values of reading comprehension and literacy development.

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