

## **iPad Apps and Websites – Language Arts**

1. Cursive Writing – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/cursive-writing/id612497395?mt=8>
2. Spell + Friends by Tap to Learn - **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/spell-+-friends-by-tap-to-learn/id387159788?mt=8>
3. Word Mover – National Council of Teachers of English - **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/word-mover/id572997152?mt=8>
4. ABC SPELLING MAGIC 3 Multiple Syllables - **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/abc-spelling-magic-3-blends/id446294881?mt=8>
5. ABC SPELLING MAGIC 2 Consonant Blends - **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/abc-spelling-magic-2-consonant/id438133737?mt=8>
6. ABC SPELLING MAGIC Short Vowel Words – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/abc-spelling-magic-short-vowel/id429301553?mt=8>
7. ABC Writing Practice Lite - **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/abc-writing-practice-lite/id488541376?mt=8>
8. Halloween WordSearch – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/halloween-wordsearch/id292733413?mt=8>
9. Carve-a-Pumpkin from Parents Magazine – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/carve-pumpkin-from-parents/id394900607?mt=8>
10. My Story - Book Maker for Kids – **\$0.99**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/my-story-book-maker-for-kids/id449232368?mt=8&ls=1>
11. PicView – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/picview/id538356858?mt=8>
12. StoryKit - **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/storykit/id329374595?mt=8>
13. Grammar Up - **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/grammar-up-free-edition/id299024911?mt=8>
14. Kids Picture Dictionary HD – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/kids-picture-dictionary-hd/id496163340?mt=8>
15. Merriam-Webster Dictionary HD – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/merriam-webster-dictionary/id438477986?mt=8>
16. Kids Picture Dictionary – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/kids-picture-dictionary-educational/id482972824?mt=8>
17. Dictionary.com - Dictionary & Thesaurus – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/dictionary.com-dictionary/id308750436?mt=8>
18. gFlash+ Flashcards & Tests - **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/gflash-flashcards-tests/id286531709?mt=8>
19. English grammar tenses Test & Use - **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/english-grammar-tenses-test/id619257437?mt=8>
20. Grammar Wonderland (Primary) McGraw-Hill – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/grammar-wonderland-primary/id591911867?mt=8>

21. Grammar Wonderland (Elementary) McGraw-Hill – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/grammar-wonderland-elementary/id580623949?mt=8>
22. Tellagami – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/tellagami/id572737805?mt=8>
23. 1000 Sight Words Superhero – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/1000-sight-words-superhero/id449497768?mt=8>
24. English Idioms Illustrated – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/english-idioms-illustrated/id413057971?mt=8>
25. Grammar Express: Tenses Lite – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/grammar-express-tenses-lite/id348206286?mt=8>
26. Grammar Express: Nouns Lite – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/grammar-express-nouns-lite/id369556344?mt=8>
27. Grammar Express: Active & Passive Voice Lite – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/grammar-express-active-passive/id369359532?mt=8>
28. Term.ly – A Better Dictionary  
<http://term.ly/>
29. Book Creator for iPad - **\$4.99**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/book-creator-for-ipad/id442378070?mt=8>
30. **GoClass** - Cloud based teaching/learning platform designed for classroom devices – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/in/app/id467088232?mt=8>
31. **Subtext** - Teachers embed instruction/scaffolding into most digital books/documents - **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/subtext/id457556753?mt=8&ign-mpt=uo%3D4>
32. 89 cool apps, sites, and tools for teaching  
<http://coolcatteacher.blogspot.com/2013/04/89-cool-apps-sites-and-tools-for.html>

## Using Skype or FaceTime

One of the biggest advantages Skype has over Apple's FaceTime app is that you can make audio and video calls to other Skype users around the world on more types of hardware. This includes calling Windows and Mac computers, Android devices, Windows Phone handsets and even certain Skype-enabled televisions and Blu-ray players. Skype-to-Skype calls are free.

In comparison, Apple's FaceTime app is also free for one-to-one video calls, but it only works on certain Apple-made products. These include camera-equipped iOS devices made within the past few years and Macs running OS X 10.6 and later. Still, because it is integrated into the operating system, FaceTime can be a little easier to set up and use if you plan to chat only with people carrying Apple gear.

Video and audio quality in both apps may vary based on network and data traffic issues, especially if you are calling over a 3G or 4G cellular connection instead of Wi-Fi. Since both apps are free for video calls, there is nothing stopping you from using both as you need them.

## 5 iPad Apps to Help Students and Teachers Collaborate

There are not an abundance of apps for the iPad that really encourage a worthwhile level of collaboration between students or between students and teachers. There are several that would allow students to share an iPad and work on something together on one iPad, but what if you want students to be working on their own iPads at school, at home, or at a time of their choosing?

The following 5 apps are designed for just that, and help take advantage of the iPad as a collaborative tool.

1. [Rabble Browser](#) – This app lets a teacher, or student, host a collaborative web browsing experience on the same wi-fi network. There is a chat window to collaborate and discuss ideas, a file browser that lets you share files with the others in your sessions, and a bunch of restrictions that let you lock the client app view, enable navigation, disallow chat, and allow voting. The app is robust, and a great way to collaborate with iPads in the classroom. Rabble Browser is currently **\$2.99**.

2. [iBrainstorm](#) – In days gone by, sticky yellow notes would litter a desk or whiteboard to record a brainstorming session. Today, most of us do this digitally. The iBrainstorm app was created for this purpose, but it has a neat trick that is sure to wow first time users. There are two apps needed to collaborate with iBrainstorm – the host app (the iPad app) and the companion app (an iPhone app, which also runs on the iPad). You can have one iPad app and four clients connected at once. Students type on a yellow sticky note on the companion app, and then flick it towards the iPad and it appears like magic on a corkboard for the host to rearrange, edit or delete as required. iBrainstorm is **free**, and according to their Twitter feed, they are working on a native iPad companion app.

3. [BaiBoard HD](#) – Need a collaborative whiteboard space? Look no further than BaiBoard HD. It is packed full of features. Multiple iPads can connect to the same space. You get a choice of drawing tools, colors and line thicknesses. You can add photos, stencils and even documents that you want to mark up in real time. There is a chat feature and a push to talk function, the ability to save snapshots of your work at any given moment, and the option to share a URL for others to view the progress even if they don't have an iPad. Boards can also be "watch only" if required. In short, you get an amazing amount for **free**.

4. [Subtext](#) – Ok, so what if you wanted to collaborate and share a story or longer piece of text? Take a look at Subtext. It allows you to search Google Books for free or paid books, and the teacher can create small study groups for students working on a given book. Students, and teachers, can highlight sections, leave comments, and create conversations about the text. You can link out to the web and provide additional online content to add to the narrative or put things in a better context. It also integrates well with Edmodo and will import all your groups if you use your Edmodo login. Subtext will even let you share any ePub documents you have, or have converted to that format. Subtext is **free** and well worth it.

5. [Ask3](#) – This new iPad collaboration app offers students and teachers the ability to collaborate using video screencasts. Teachers create an account and can invite students to join their class with a unique class code, (**no need for email addresses**). Once the class is created, you create short screencast videos and share them with your class. This method is a great way to add some interactivity to a flipped classroom instructional model.

## 7 Tips for Effectively Managing Your iPad Classroom

<http://thejournal.com/articles/2013/04/10/7-tips-for-managing-your-ipad-classroom.aspx>