

Park Primary School



Supporting your
child's learning at home.

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This guide aims to provide links to resources and guidance for you to support your child's learning at home.

Your child's individual learning targets will be shared with you at the beginning of the school year. These will be broken down into termly short term targets. We will also share each term a Curriculum Flyer which will inform you of the topics being covered across the curriculum.

Some websites or apps may require you to create a username or password to access the materials. Additionally, on some of these sites you may need to search in the 'teacher' or 'educator' areas to find the best supporting materials.

As with all online resources, especially videos, in order to safeguard our young people please ensure you preview websites, materials, games and apps before sharing them with your young person.

YouTube—take care with the suitability of adverts and autoplay as it can be unpredictable. Using [YouTube kids](#) will eliminate this issue.

Please see the below information regarding staying safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/>

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Useful web links to support families at home

NEST Hub

<https://www.nest.scot/>

Autism Toolbox

<https://www.autismtoolbox.co.uk/resources/>

do2learn

<https://www.do2learn.com/>

NHS Ayrshire and Arran—Speech and
Language Support

<https://www.nhsaaa.net/services/services-a-z/allied-health->

NHS Ayrshire and Arran—Children and
Young Peoples Occupational Therapy Ser-

<https://www.nhsaaa.net/services/services-a-z/children-and->

Mindroom

<https://www.mindroom.org/>

Megans Space—Mental Health and Well-
being Support

<https://www.megansspace.com/>

Children First

<https://www.childrenfirst.org.uk/>

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Useful web links to support your child s learning at home

Oxford Owl - Phonics, reading, spelling, maths, outdoor learning activities.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Phonics Play – Phonics games

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Cbeebies – Fun activities for toddlers

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/fun-activities-for->

Topmarks—interactive learning games

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

Primary Resources— resources across the curriculum.

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/>

Maths Frame—free online maths games.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/most->

BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary#scotland>

ABCya—variety of games

<https://www.abcya.com/games/>

Starfall—Literacy and Numeracy games

<https://www.starfall.com/h/>

ICT Games—Literacy and Numeracy games

<https://ictgames.com/>

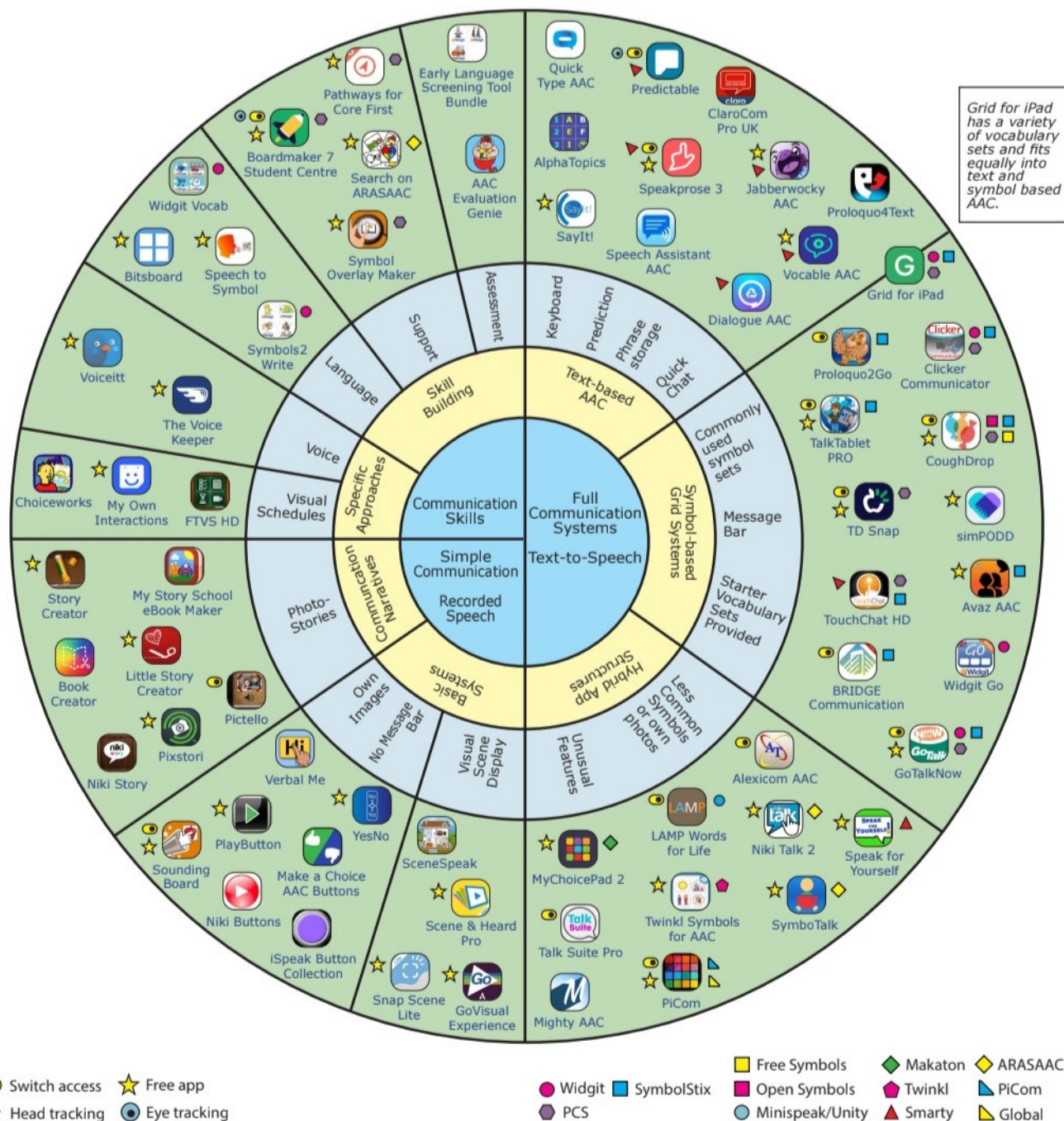
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iPad Apps for Complex Communication Support Needs: Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)

This wheel includes a selection of Apps organised by category, that we broadly find reliable, useful, stand out in their category, and have continued support from the developer. If you are viewing this app wheel online, all the app icons contain clickable links (taking you to the GB App Store).

www.callscotland.org.uk?appsforCCSN



Alternative Access: Switch Scanning (Switch Scanning), Eye Tracking (suitable camera required) and Head Tracking

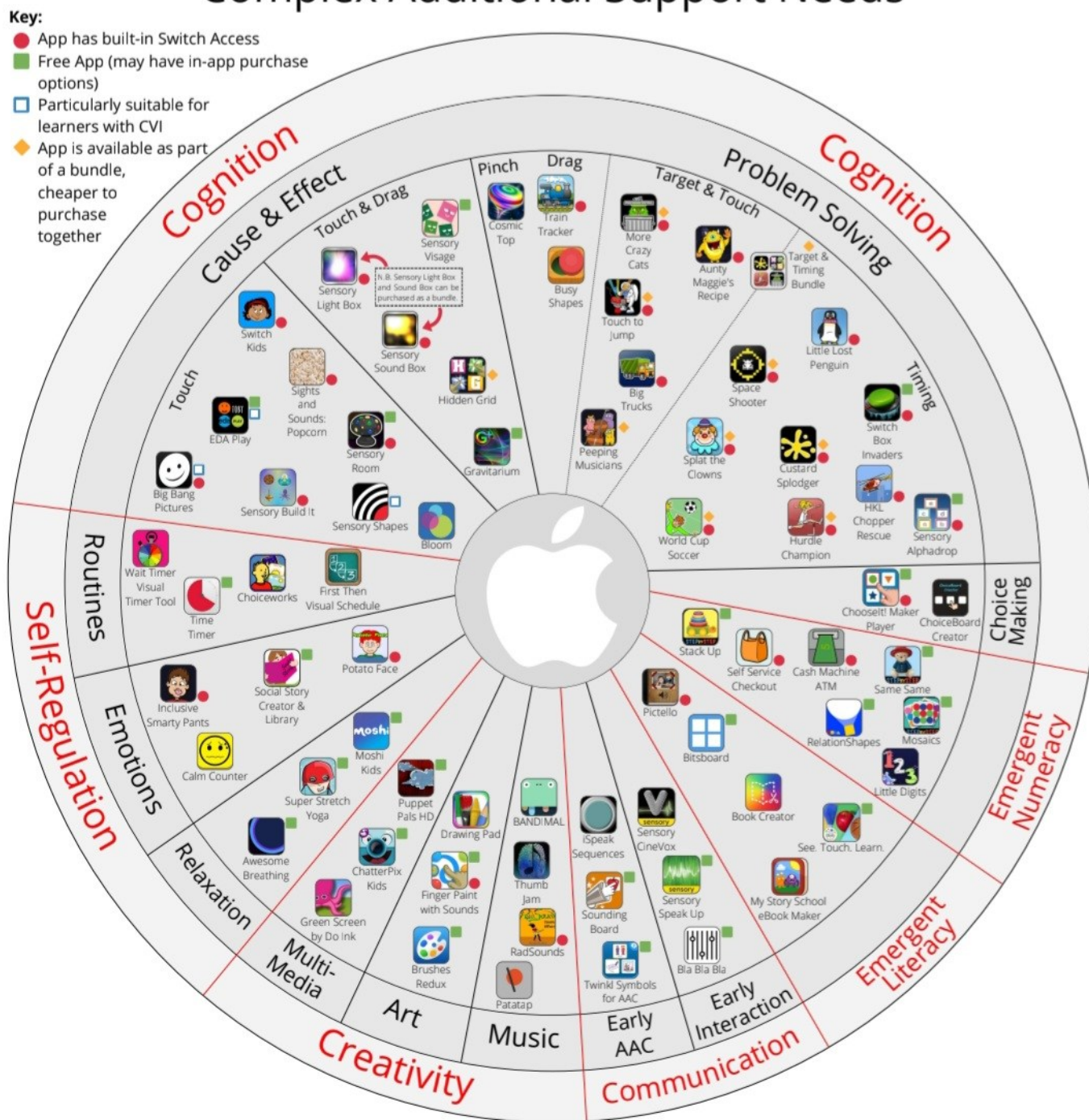
Relatively few Apps are designed with inbuilt alternative access such as switch scanning, head tracking or eye tracking. These Apps offer the most usable and widest range of access options and may be the safest choice for users needing effective alternative access. iPad accessibility settings can improve access to the apps and the iPad. They include touch, switch control and face ID /Attention, however due to the App design, not all are usable with alternative access.

Trialling Apps & Free Versions

When selecting Apps, most individuals prefer to 'try before you buy'. Some App developers if approached, may offer a specific trial, otherwise some Apps have free versions allowing this. They usually have features limited in some way. It can be wise to first seek out specialist assessment from a specialist service such as CALL Scotland, who may have equipment available for trial.



iPad Apps for Learners with Complex Additional Support Needs



More Information

If you are using the electronic version, click on an App icon to get more information (including pricing) from the UK App Store.

Using iPads with Learners Who Have Complex Needs

Using iPads with learners who have Complex Needs it is important to consider the why and how when using iPads with learners who have complex needs; asking the question, 'Why am I doing this?' so that the use of an iPad does not become an end in itself, but rather a means of learning new skills. Learners with Complex Needs need to experience and learn cognition, communication and social interaction skills. An environment which focuses on responding, interacting and communicating is essential. With careful planning, an iPad can become part of this responsive environment, creating opportunities for communication and interaction. For more information on using technology with learners who have Complex Needs, see here: <http://bit.ly/CSN-INFO>

Identifying Suitable Apps

The wheel does not include every App available in each category, nor do the categories represent a comprehensive list of all developmental areas. Instead, we have selected particular areas where an iPad and App can be teaching and support tools. Some apps could fit within multiple categories, but we have listed them under a single category that is particularly relevant to the App.

Guided Access

Many learners are so in love with the iPad itself (especially if they are used to using it primarily for watching TV, films and listening to music) that they can be more interested in pressing the 'Home' button and swiping around than staying within one App. To support a learner to make the best use of an app for learning and developing skills, Guided Access allows you to control which features of the iPad and App you want to make available and which you want to 'lock'. For information on how to set up Guided Access, see here: <http://bit.ly/Guided-Access>



Download an electronic version of this poster: bit.ly/3rYotOL



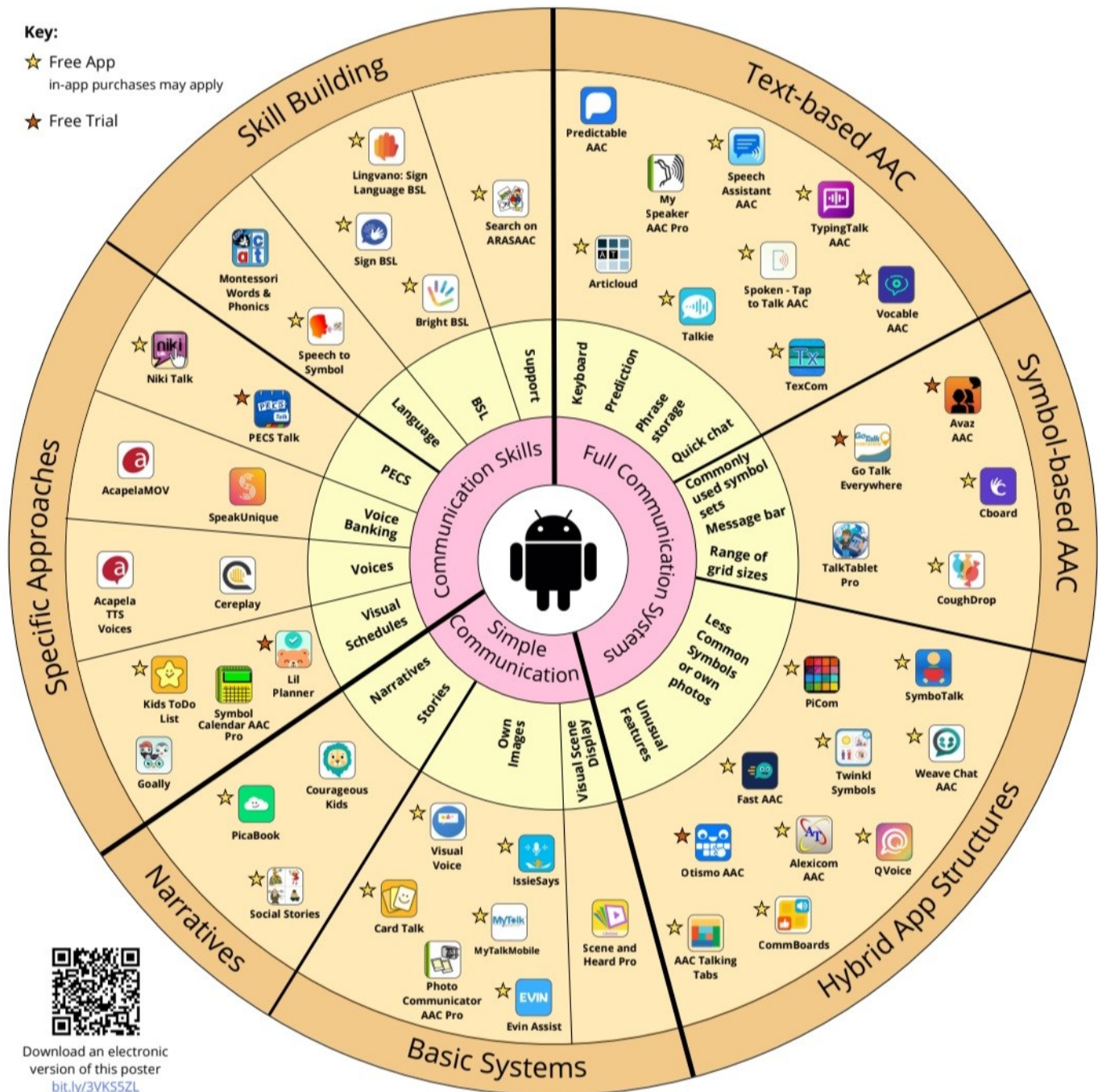
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Android Apps for Complex Communication Support Needs: Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)



iPad vs Android

The iPad is a well-established communication tool, but Android tablets and smartphones are increasingly used at home and worth considering:

- Android tablets are generally cheaper than iPads.
- Android's Operating System (OS) is less restricted than iOS, allowing features like text-to-speech voices to work across apps, unlike iPads where voices must be downloaded per app.
- iPads offer a wider range of AAC apps.
- Android devices vary greatly; some have custom OS versions or app stores, therefore there is no guarantee that every AAC app will work on all devices/ operating systems.

More Information

If you are using the electronic version, click on an App icon to get more information (including pricing) from the UK Google Play Store.

Identifying Suitable Apps

This list is not comprehensive; it highlights apps relevant to AAC and groups them by their primary communication function. A few have been tested, but most details come from independent reviews and developer descriptions. We welcome suggestions for future additions: call.scotland@ed.ac.uk

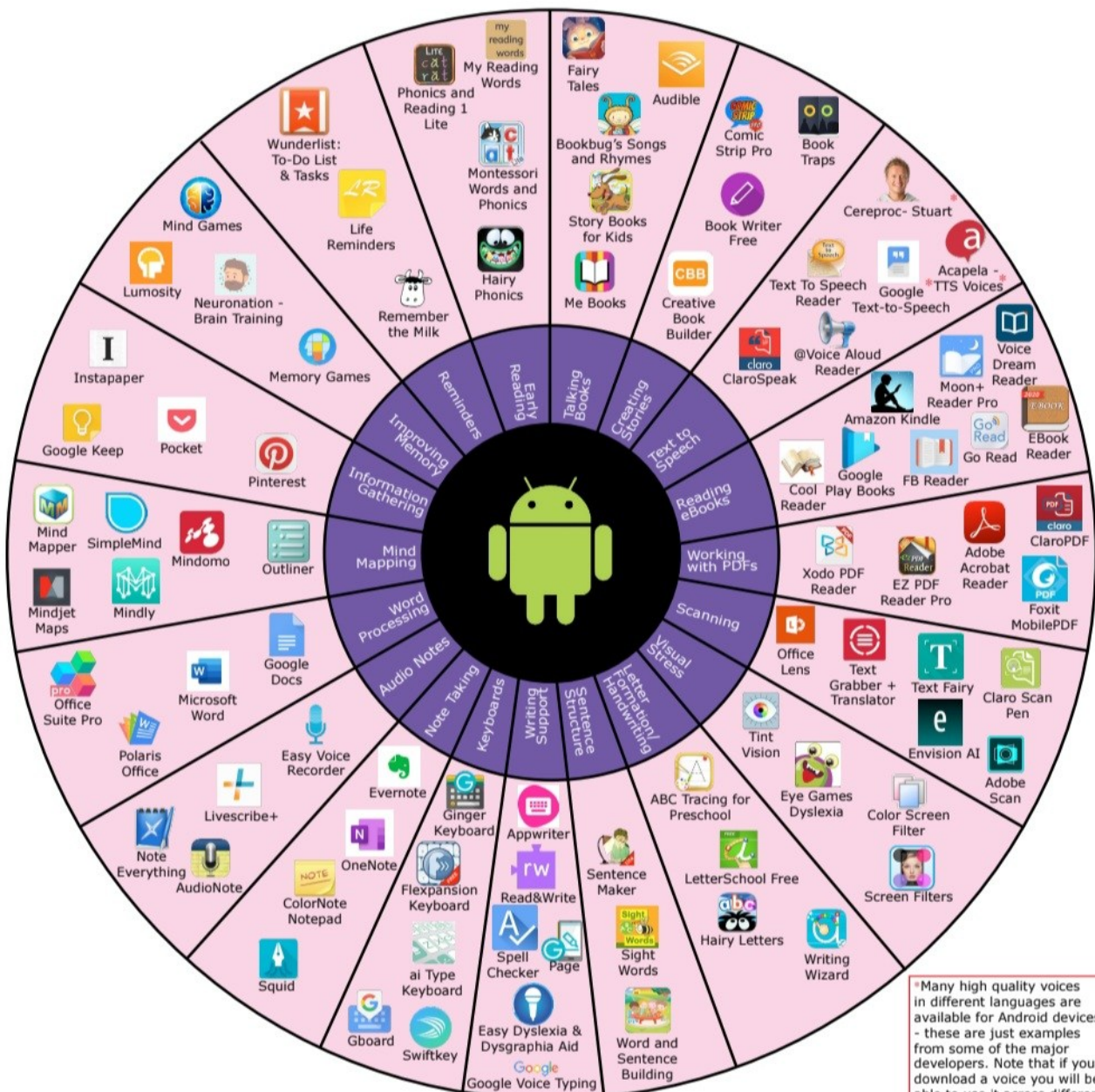
Alternative Access

Some users may require switch access, using a USB or Bluetooth switch interface with switches tailored to their needs. Few apps in the wheel are designed specifically for switch access, but Android OS 5+ includes built-in Accessibility settings that support one or two external switches, screen-based switches, or head-movement control. Apps such as Switchify also support alternative access methods and offer both free and subscription options: switchifyapp.com

Always check first if the App selected can be accessed via desired access methods and Switch Access Settings on your device. Further information from Android help: bit.ly/4obgHaE

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Android Apps for Learners with Dyslexia/ Reading and Writing Difficulties



This is one of a series of 'App Wheels' produced by CALL Scotland, available from the address below. It focuses on Android Apps to support reading and writing. Note that some apps address a range of difficulties. To save space, we have not placed individual apps into multiple categories. Links on the electronic version are 'clickable', taking you to the Google Play Store.

This is not a comprehensive list, but an attempt to identify relevant, useful apps and to categorise them according to difficulties faced by people with dyslexia. Unlike the iPad, there is little consensus on the 'best' Android apps for education, so we would be happy to receive suggestions for inclusion in future versions. Email suggestions to call.scotland@ed.ac.uk.

iPad versus Android

The iPad is well established as an educational tool, but Android tablets (and smartphones) are becoming increasingly popular.

- Android tablets are generally less expensive than iPads.
- There are more educational apps available for iPads, than for Android devices.
- There is less 'quality control' over Android apps so some don't work properly, or perform in unexpected ways.
- Many Android devices cannot be upgraded to the latest version of the operating system so some apps won't work on them.
- The Android operating system is less tightly controlled than the Apple iOS, so some apps, e.g. voices, can work across most apps in an Android device, unlike the iPad where voices other than the iOS system ones have to be downloaded separately for each app.



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A PDF version of this app wheel (and other posters) can be downloaded
from <http://www.callscotland.org.uk/downloads/posters-and-leaflets>

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ChromeBook Tools for Learners with Dyslexia / Reading and Writing Difficulties



Apps and Extensions

ChromeBooks primarily use apps and extensions, available from: chromewebstore.google.com/.

Apps are the equivalent of programs on an Apple or Windows computer. A small number of apps are pre-installed on the Chromebook, but most are run within your Chrome Browser. Some of the 'apps' also include web based programs.

Built-in Accessibility tools

The Chromebook has a range of built-in Accessibility tools such as 'Select-to-Speak', Voice Typing - colour coded by a red square. www.google.com/intl/en_uk/chromebook/accessibility/

Downloadable Version

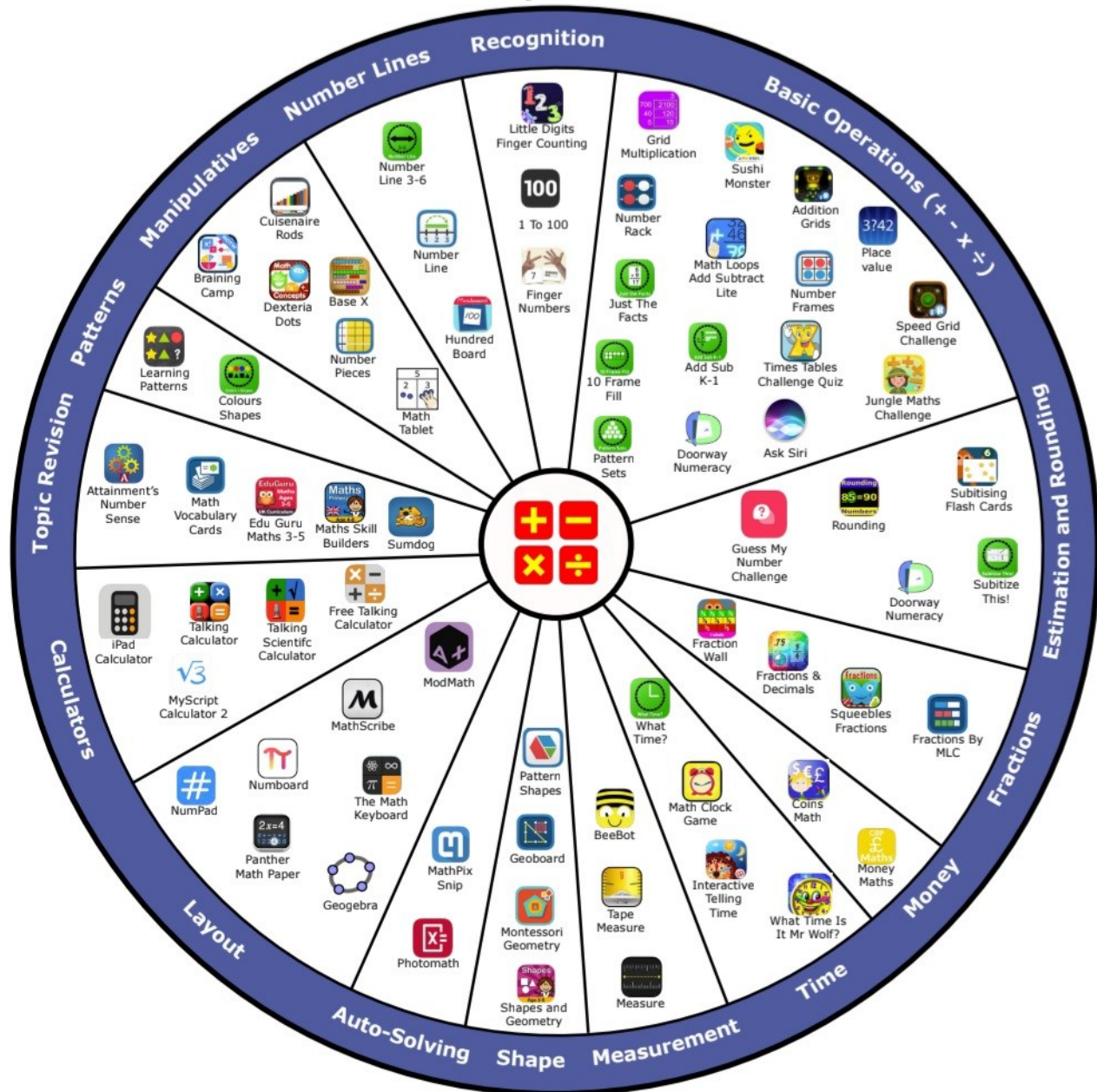
An electronic version of this chart can be downloaded from www.callscotland.org.uk/downloads/posters-and-leaflets. In the electronic version, App names and icons are 'clickable' links, taking you to information about the individual App in the Google Chrome Store.

Download the poster from the link below or scan the QR code. bit.ly/chromebook-dyslexia-tools



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iPad Apps for Learners with Dyscalculia/ Numeracy Difficulties



iPad Apps for Learners with Dyscalculia/Numeracy Difficulties is by no means comprehensive but tries to find apps that will help to embed numerical learning and to give opportunities for repeated practice of concepts that cause difficulty. We would stress that, particularly for dyscalculia and maths, individual apps provide useful practice and reinforcement, but are not a substitute for sound teaching.

If you use the electronic version, clicking on the individual app names or icons will take you to information on each app in the Apple App store.

To find out more about CALL Scotland courses visit: www.callscotland.org.uk/training/

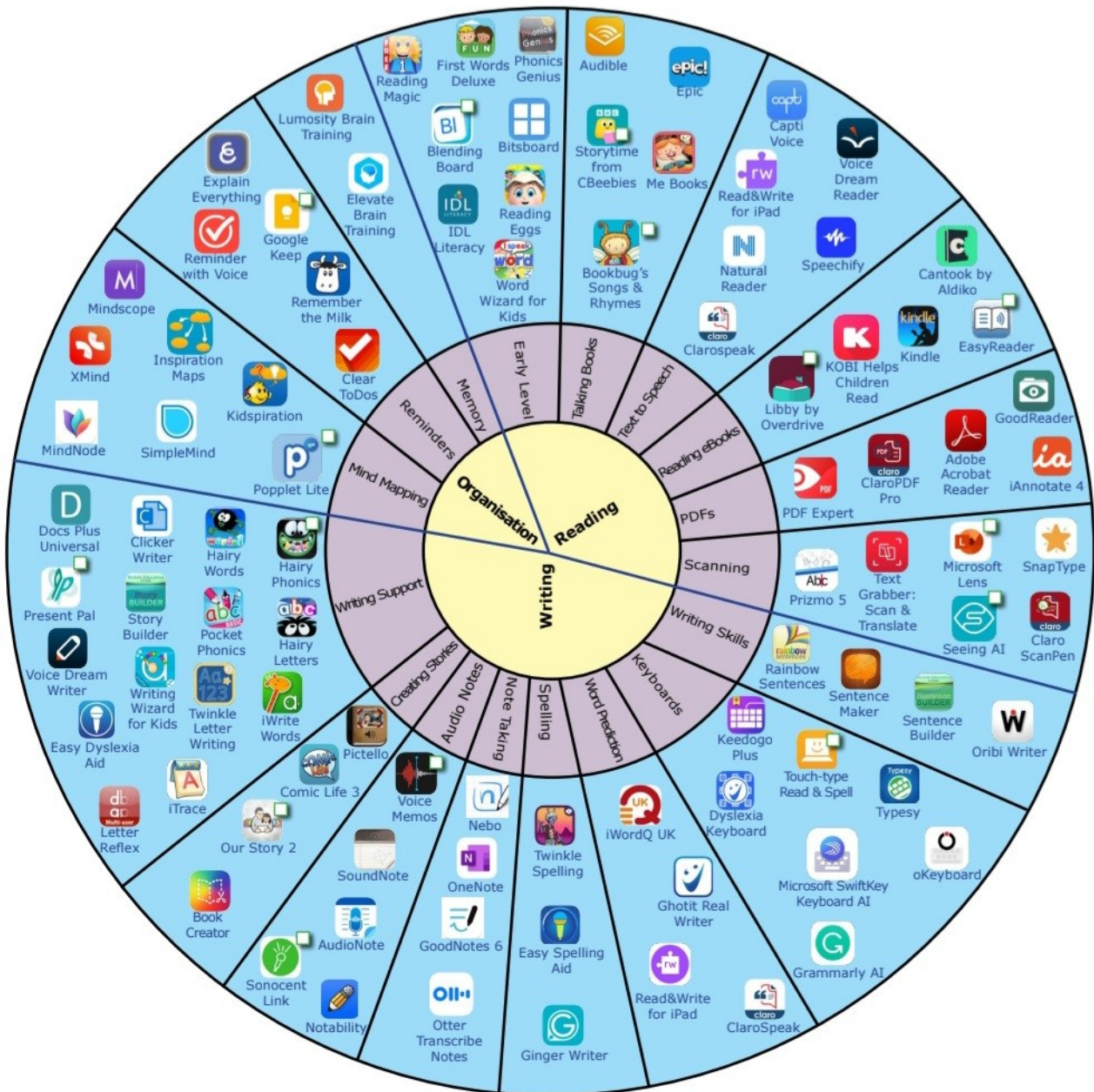
Additional online resources:

- Coolmath4Kids
- Crickweb
- Doorway Online
- Helping with Math
- Math Playground
- StudyLadder
- Twinkl - Primary Resources - Maths



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iPad Apps for Learners with Dyslexia/ Reading and Writing Difficulties



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Links on the electronic version of the poster are 'clickable' and will take you to the Apple App Store.

☐ Free apps (no in-app purchases offered)

**Some apps are free on the App Store but there are in-app purchases for full functionality.

The iPad has a range of built-in tools to support reading and writing. To find out more view our range of short video guides:

<https://bit.ly/iPad-Video-Short-Guides>

We also have a free online module on Using the iPad to Support Literacy:

www.callscotland.org.uk/training/learning-modules/

Try our free online Technology to Support Dyslexia Masterclass course:

www.callscotland.org.uk/training/technology-to-support-dyslexia-in-education/



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