

Assistive Technology Fair Summary

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EDUT 521

Course Instructor: Professor Brown

Student Name: Lorayne McCaughtry

Presenter: Anthony

1) Name and describe the AT tool you would try. What website or vendor can it be purchased from.

This summary is about the assistive technology presented by Anthony, arcademics.com. It can be purchased through the website www.arcademics.com for \$100 for a class of 20 students plus \$5 for every additional student.

2) List the Task(s) this AT tool would address, and describe the Target Student Profile this AT tool would be effective in assisting towards meeting their learning goals.

The great thing about this tool is that it addresses the need for practicing basic facts in math or other subject areas in a game-like format. Because students get immediate feedback, it helps students at all levels learn rote material. At risk, special needs, and English learner students will build confidence through repeated practice and being shown correct answers.

3) Reflect on what you liked or didn't like about this AT tool.

Some things I liked about this tool are that it can be used on a computer or with mobile apps, it sends data reports to the teacher, and it has a built-in motivator for students to practice concepts repeatedly.

One thing I didn't like is that it costs five dollars per student each year.

4) If you currently use this with any of your students, describe how the student(s) uses this AT tool.

I am not currently using Arcademics.com, but I do want to try it out this year with the free 30 day trial. Since I have to decide where to invest donation money for tools that would benefit all of my students, I'd like to try out Arcademics.com to see how it works with my students and to be sure it meets my expectations before I purchase it next year. .

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Presenter: Corrie

1) Name and describe the AT tool you would try. What website or vendor can it be purchased from.

This summary is about Quizlet, the assistive technology presented by Corrie. Quizlet is a flashcard site where students can practice vocabulary using pictures and definitions. It can be found at quizlet.com, and there is a free version. You do not need to pay for students to sign up.

2) List the Task(s) this AT tool would address, and describe the Target Student Profile this AT tool would be effective in assisting towards meeting their learning goals.

Quizlet is a great tool for creating vocabulary or spelling review for all levels of students to use to meet their learning goals. I think this tool is especially helpful for English Learners. They can listen to the teacher's or another student's voice recorded definitions. Students can even create their own voice recorded definitions for the teacher to review.

3) Reflect on what you liked or didn't like about this AT tool.

I like that Quizlet has many card sets already available in all curricular areas. I could revise the sets by modifying the cards or the definitions easily. Another great thing is that Quizlet has a mobile app for Android and iOS. I also like that it can be used at any academic level to help build vocabulary. And, I especially like that Quizlet has a wait time for students to enter their answer. If the student does not know the answer, after a wait period, the answer shows up and the student must type it in.

4) If you currently use this with any of your students, describe how the student(s) uses this AT tool.

I tried Quizlet with my class the day after the AT Fair. I signed up and found a set of cards to go with the Revolutionary War unit my students are currently working on. My students read through the card set and played some of the games to help build memory skills. I plan to continue to use this tool with my whole class.

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Presenter: Millie

1) Name and describe the AT tool you would try. What website or vendor can it be purchased from.

Duolingo is the AT tool that Millie presented at the fair. Duolingo is a tool that is designed to help people learn another language. It is free for a computer version and a mobile app, and can be found at www.duolingo.com.

2) List the Task(s) this AT tool would address, and describe the Target Student Profile this AT tool would be effective in assisting towards meeting their learning goals.

Duolingo would help any student learn another language. It uses pictures and audio support in a student's primary language to teach a second language. It would be especially helpful to use with EL students who need support in learning English.

3) Reflect on what you liked or didn't like about this AT tool.

What I like most about Duolingo is the way the learning is presented in a game-like manner and in both visual and audio formats. I also like that there are many native languages offered, so students entering my class from many different countries can benefit from using Duolingo.

4) If you currently use this with any of your students, describe how the student(s) uses this AT tool.

I am not currently using Duolingo, but I plan to try it out with my students. I think several of them would be very interested in learning more about their primary languages, or learning a new language.