Gus on the Go: English

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**Grade:** K (ELL)

**Subject:** ELA

**CCLS:** [CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.K.1.B](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/1/b/)
Recognize that spoken words are represented in written language by specific sequences of letters.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.K.4](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/SL/K/4/)
Describe familiar people, places, things, and events and, with prompting and support, provide additional detail.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.K.5](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/SL/K/5/)
Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide additional detail.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.K.6](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/SL/K/6/)
Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly.

**Website:** <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/gus-on-the-go-english-for-kids/id541568936?mt=8>

**Description of application:** Gus on the Go is one of many language learning apps designed for young children. This English version works very well for young ELL students. A cute friendly owl takes users on a trip through the country to learn English. As students complete each section they are able to play fun games that just reinforced what they learned in the previous section. The app starts with simple word in various categories like farm animals, food, modes of transportation. As the student progresses, different stages are unlocked and more categories can be explored. The illustrations will keep students engaged and they will ask for more Gus!

**Incorporation explanation:** This app works very well with young kindergarten students with very limited English skills. Students begin the app with a map of the United States and learn words in each category. First they will tap on the picture and hear the word then they proceed to a multiple choice quiz. As they successfully complete a quiz, they are given a choice to play a fun game or continue to the next category. They app guides itself and students will be able to successfully learn new words. This app can also be used for native English speakers by turning off the volume. The students will have to rely on reading the word at the top and choosing the correct picture.