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Science/ELA 6th grade

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<u>**Standards:**</u>

Reading Literature/Reading Informational Text

RL2/RI2: Determine theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through details.

RL3: Describe how a story's plot unfolds, as well as how the characters respond or change.

RL4/RI4: Determine meaning of words, including figurative and connotative meanings.

RL6/RI6. Explain how an author develops the point of view of narrator.

Writing Standards:

W1: Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

W2: Write informative texts to examine a topic.

W2: Write narrative …using precise language, transitions, formal format

Language Standards:

L1: Demonstrate conventions of Standard English

L2: Demonstrate conventions of punctuation, spelling.

L5: Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships and meanings.

Website: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/itooch-6th-grade-language/id521723371?mt=8&ign-mpt=uo%3D4

<u>**Description:**</u>

This app provides a series of exercises and games for ELA (or math, but I haven't tried it). Topics include reading, writing and composition, grammar, vocabulary booster, and communication. The sub-skills in each category are exactly what I am teaching in the classroom, so this app caught my attention. The questions have a link to a mini-lesson to teach a skill. Short, but challenging, literary passages are linked followed by questions. There is a practice mode and a timed test mode. Scores can be saved and badges earned. Students can compare scores to others and see progress. The reading passages and questions are very "Common Core" and thus are good test prep.

Classroom application: In the classroom, students can use this as an independent practice. For guided instruction, in small groups, a teacher can go through the skills with students to monitor progress.

This app is certainly great for individual use for students to reinforce skills being taught. You could assign a particular lesson which students can use to review skills.

The free version has a few lessons in each category and the paid (about $5) version has more questions. I'm not sure how a student's scores are saved, but I think it's possible.