

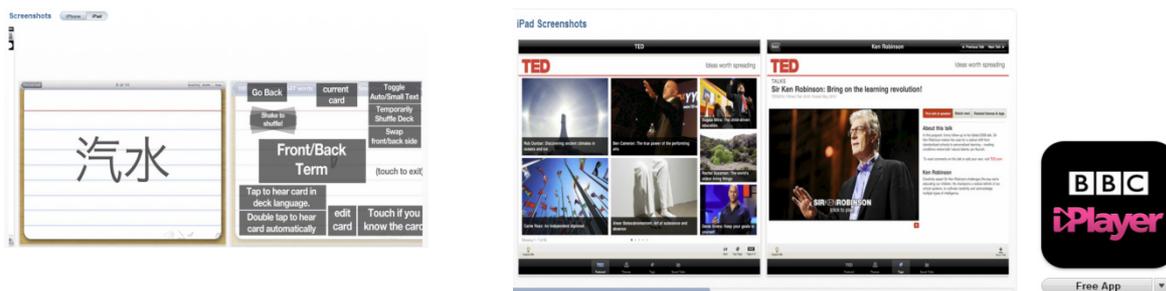
The wonderful world of Apps

App stands for application. If you have an iPhone, visit the App store and download any number of free (and pay-for!) Apps. There are several operating systems; the commonest is Android from Google. The best place to have a look is: <https://market.android.com> This is the Android equivalent of iTunes for iPhones. As one of my friends put it: "There's an App for everything". This handout mentions some great Apps of interest to language teachers and those in business English.

"Ten great apps"

(1) Dictionary apps: Macmillan English Dictionary: includes tags for word-frequency (three-star, two-star and one-star words). Other pay-for dictionary apps include: Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English, Cambridge Advanced Dictionary and Oxford Advanced Learners' Dictionary. There are also hundreds of free dictionary apps of varying levels of quality.

(2) Flashcards. One of many apps which use a 'Flashcard' system. Many sets of cards include content, with a range of different contexts and subjects such as maths, geography etc. Flashcards are customisable.

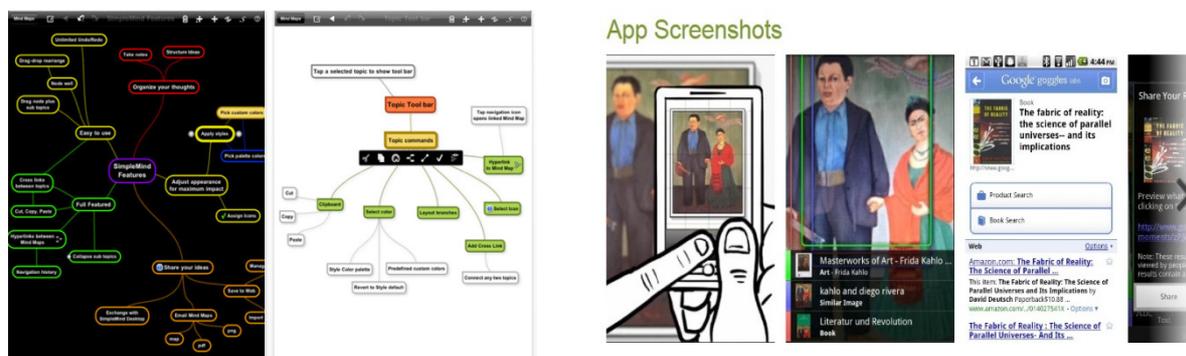


(3) TED.com App version of the popular website. You can download a presentation and watch it off-line.

(4) BBC iPlayer: enables users to watch programmes after their original broadcast time

(5) Simple Minds: Mind map creating software

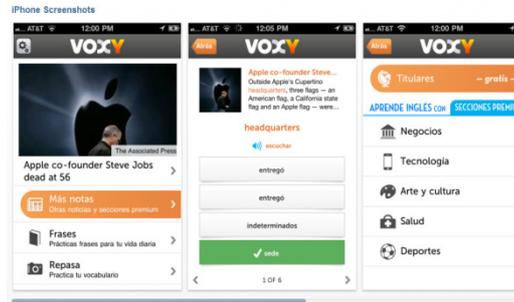
(6) Google Goggles: for Android phones. Hold phone over a painting to see title and artist. Good with book titles, logos. <http://www.google.com/mobile/goggles/#text>



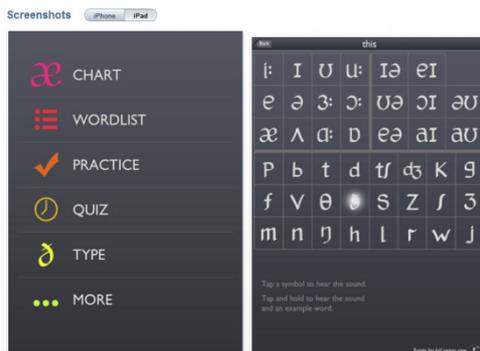
Apps for language teaching and learning

(7) **Acrossair**: geo-tagging. Allows you to access information on restaurants and pubs; wikipedia entries; local tweeters.

(8) **Voxy**: English new articles pushed to your iPhone or Pad. You can access meaning of words and save these in your cards. <http://voxy.com/>



(9) **Sounds**: the pronunciation app (Macmillan) App version of Adrian Underhill's well-known Sound Foundations chart. Tap a symbol to hear a sound, tap and hold to hear a word with that sound. App contains 340 useful words they can listen to, practise copying and compare their effort with an original. You can read a word and then type it in phonemic script; listen to a word and type; or read a phonemic transcript and type the word. There is a useful free version which contains the chart.



(10) **Screen chomp**: turns your iPad surface into an interactive whiteboard with pens. You can upload a photograph from your iPad and annotate it. Screen Chomp is effectively a 'Screen recorder' - you can then send your recorded file directly to Facebook.



Other apps worth investigating:

- The App version of Financial Times and other subscription journals (e.g. the Guardian)
- Slide Shark: PPT for iPad Allows users to view PPT presentations on the iPad