

App: Socrative (teacher and students have different apps downloaded to their devices)

Description: One of my favourite free apps. This app allows teachers to create quizzes, quick reviews, give feedback, complete exit activities and compete in teams to get the most answers correct. The teacher simply inputs true or false, short answer or multiple choice questions, students log in to the designated 'room' and answer and submit. Results can be tracked on screen if the teacher is logged on to their account. It also tracks how many users have completed their work and the results can also be emailed to the teacher for marking (works well when using short answer questions)

Face-2-Face: Lots of uses – weekly quizzes, exit tickets, trivia games

Distance Learning: Could be used as a review device – ie complete the readings then self check, or synchronously as a team based trivia game (for review perhaps?)

Pros: easy to use, students log in based on a room number, engagement is high

Cons: with spotty wifi it can be frustrating to maintain a log in, takes time to set up quizzes before hand, data stored on US servers (can be worked around by using student 01, initials or first names only to identify students)

Apple (ios): Yes

Android: Yes

Windows: No

PC:

Website: <http://www.socrative.com/>

App: Math Contenders (various skills)

Description: This is a fun way for students to practice their basic facts in a variety of topics from basic operations to fractions and decimals. A little competition and a time limit tests students computation skills in a friendly game of who can get the correct answer first. The mobile device sits in between two students and the same question is posed to both with three optional answers to choose from. The student who picks the correct answer first gets the point.

Face-2-Face: practicing math facts in a fun, engaging way

Distance Learning: Not applicable

Pros: Students are engaged in learning and practicing their basic facts. Devices are used for two people so less devices are needed.

Cons: You need to match students based on general ability so that it's a fair game

Apple (ios): Yes

Android: Yes - called Best Contenders

Windows: not found

PC: not found

Website: balabharathi.com is the developer...but it's not in English

App: Stuck on Earth

Description: This is an amazing app that allows you to explore the world from the comfort of your own couch. High resolution (and typically amazing) photographs from all over the world are searchable and often information is given about the place, the photographer or the subject of the picture. It's an amazing app to share what different parts of the world look like or compare and contrast different cities....or just daydream about places you'd like to visit. Over the years new features have been added – now you can save pictures for use offline or follow specific photographers, for instance. As you easily zoom in on any part of the map of the earth you see mini pictures coming up and you can jump to them to view.

Face-2-Face: country studies for Social Studies, learning about other cultures or famous places

Distance Learning: researching countries or getting lost....on your own time

Pros: Huge number of pictures to look at and study, free app, fun time waster

Cons: I've come across a few that I would hesitate to share in class.....so you have to plan ahead and

save the pics you want to share.

Apple (ios): Yes

Android: Yes

Windows: Yes

PC: ??

Website: <http://www.stuckonearthapp.com/>

if you do not have a tablet, you can still look at the app stores from your desktop

iOS

<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/genre/ios/id36?mt=8>

windows

<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-CA/windows-8/apps#Cat=t1>

andriod

<https://play.google.com/store/apps?hl=en>