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Team Kiswahili

Team Kiswahili is mobile app that supports young children's learning in both Swahili and English. It includes content in Literacy and Math.

Six Components of Literacy

Current research has concluded that all successful literacy programs are comprised of six components:

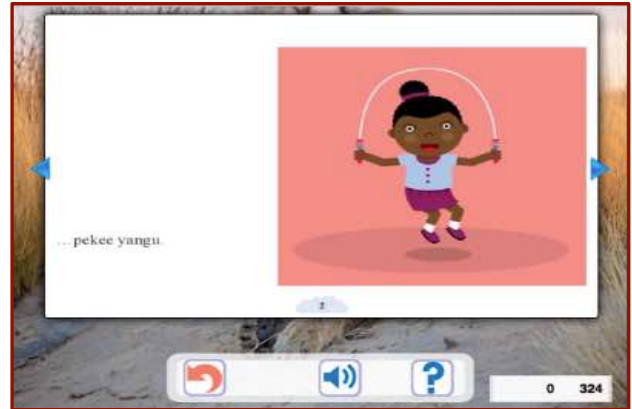
1. Phonemic Awareness – an understanding of sounds in language and how they form words,
2. Decoding – ability to figure out unfamiliar words and learn to read them automatically,
3. Fluency – ability to read quickly and without conscious attention,
4. Comprehension – ability to understand the meaning, implications and intention of text,
5. Writing – ability to express thoughts in written sentences and paragraphs, and
6. Vocabulary – know an adequate number of words to understand text passages.

Team Learning

Team Kiswahili leverages the increased learning of children working together in self-organizing groups to improve outcomes, while maximizing the value of the limited number of available tablets. Up to four learners can log in at once. The app saves the data from their joint work to each of their accounts. In this way, ad-hoc groups of learners can accelerate each other's progress by solving problems together.

Multi-lingual

Team Kiswahili is a dual-language app. Potential users realize its English component from the word, "team," and its Swahili component from the use of the Swahili name for the language, 'Kiswahili'. Then, from the moment they choose a language on the login screen, the entire app presents itself in that language, creating an immersion experience.



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