

**Topic: Icons and apps on my phone and tablet**

When I am done this lesson, I will know:

- How to identify the icons on my phone or tablet.
- What the common apps on my phone or tablet are for.



**Pre and Post Self-Assessment**

	Pre	Pre	Post	Post
	Yes, I know this	No, I want to learn this	Yes, I know this	I still need more practice to learn this
I know what all the icons do on my phone or tablet.				
I know what the common apps on my phone or tablet are for.				















**New Words and Terms**








app  
device  
icon  
pictogram  
smartphone  
tablet

## What is an icon?

An icon is a pictogram on a device touchscreen that helps the user navigate the operating system. These icons work as buttons on the touchscreen. Devices like smartphones and tablets have a touchscreen. You can tap or touch an icon to perform a task or action. The icons look similar on different types of devices.

<b>Common Icons</b>	<b>What is this?</b>	<b>Description</b> <b>What can I do? or</b> <b>What does it do? or</b> <b>What does it mean? or</b>
	<b>Power</b>	You use this to turn the device on and off.
	<b>Lock</b>	You use this to see if the device is locked or unlocked. The lock will be closed for locked and open for unlocked.
	<b>Phone</b>	You use this to open the phone.
	<b>Wifi</b>	You use this to see if your wifi is on and how strong your wifi signal is. The more bars that are showing, the stronger your signal.
	<b>No Signal</b>	When you see this symbol it usually means no Internet service is available.
	<b>Bluetooth</b>	You use this to see if your Bluetooth is on.
	<b>Battery</b>	You use this to see how much power you have left in your battery. The more bars you have, the more power you have left.












	<b>Battery</b>	The battery will have a lightning bolt in it when you are charging your device.
	<b>Airplane mode</b>	When this is showing, it means airplane mode is turned on. When airplane mode is on you cannot use the Internet or send and receive phone calls.
	<b>Home</b>	You use this to return to your home screen.
	<b>Settings</b>	You use this to adjust the options for a phone, tablet, or in an application.
	<b>Delete or Trash</b>	You use this to remove one or more items from a list or delete a message.
	<b>Dictation</b>	You use this to use your voice to dictate text.
	<b>Favourite</b>	You use this to flag or save a favourite item like a personal contact or a webpage.
	<b>Action Bar</b>	You use this to display a pop-up menu.
	<b>Action Overflow</b>	You use this to see a list of actions. It is like a menu.
	<b>Add</b>	You use this to add or create an item.
	<b>Done</b>	You use this to dismiss an action bar.








	<b>Close</b>	You use this to close an item or clear text from a field.
	<b>Share</b>	You use this to share information you have stored using email or social networking.
	<b>Refresh</b>	You use this to reload the information on a webpage or get new information on a webpage.
	<b>Search</b>	You use this to search for information. You need to type in a search term.
	<b>Edit</b>	You use it to edit text, add text, or fill in fields.
	<b>Location Pin</b>	This tells you where something is located on a map. It can also mean your GPS location services are turned on.
	<b>Keyboard</b>	This lets you open a keyboard on the screen so you can type on your device.

### What is an app?

The word "app" is a short form for "application." Some apps come pre-installed on a device. Other apps can be downloaded and installed. Apps usually run on a device, but can also run through a web browser. An app is usually a program designed to help people perform a specific activity or task. Depending on what the app was designed for it can use text, numbers, audio, graphics, and a combination of these elements. Apps also have their own icons and use icons. The icons look similar on different types of devices.

<b>Common Application Icons</b>	<b>What is this?</b>	<b>Description What can I do? or What does it do? or What does it mean?</b>

	<b>Browser App (Apple)</b>	You use this app to access the Internet.
	<b>Browser App (Google)</b>	You use this app to access the Internet
	<b>Email App</b>	You use this app to send and receive email messages.
	<b>Messages App</b>	You use this app to send and receive text messages.
	<b>Camera App</b>	This opens your camera app to take pictures.
	<b>Facebook App</b>	This app opens your Facebook account if you have one. Facebook is a social media application.
	<b>Facebook Messages App</b>	You can use this app to send and receive messages to your friends on Facebook if you have a Facebook account. You can also see the messages when you are logged into your Facebook account.
	<b>Instagram App</b>	This app opens your Instagram account if you have one. Instagram is a social media application.
	<b>Twitter App</b>	This app opens your Twitter account if you have one. Twitter is a social media application.
	<b>WhatsApp App</b>	This app opens your WhatsApp account if you have one. WhatsApp is a messaging application.
	<b>Facetime App</b>	This app lets you video call your contacts. Facetime only works on iPhones, iPads, and Apple computers. Both the sender and the receiver need to have an apple product to use Facetime.

	<b>Weather App</b>	You can use this app to check the weather.
	<b>Calendar App</b>	You can use this app to keep your appointments in an online calendar.
	<b>Calculator App</b>	You can use this app as a calculator.
	<b>YouTube App</b>	This app will open YouTube. You can watch videos on YouTube. If you have an account, you can also save lists of videos called playlists and upload your own videos.
	<b>LinkedIn App</b>	This app opens your LinkedIn account if you have one. LinkedIn is a social media application.
	<b>Application Store App (Apple)</b>	This app opens the store where you can download new apps if you have an iPhone or iPad. Some apps are free and some are paid.
	<b>Application Store App (Google)</b>	This app opens the store where you can download new apps if you have an Android phone or tablet. Some apps are free and some are paid.



### Discussion Questions

1. Which apps in the table list do you have on your tablet or smartphone?
2. Which apps in the table would you like to try?
3. Are there any apps you would like to download?



### Check Your Knowledge

Name three different social media apps.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.




### Try this/Practice

1. Click on the link below to play the matching terms and icons game.  
<https://www.purposegames.com/game/icons-quiz-game>
2. Download and install one new free app on your tablet or smartphone.



### Optional: I Want to Learn More

	<p>Use this tutorial with videos to learn how to use a touchscreen on a device</p> <p>Source: Learn My Way</p>	<p><a href="https://www.learnmyway.com/courses/using-a-touchscreen">https://www.learnmyway.com/courses/using-a-touchscreen</a></p>
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### Bridge Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework Connection

Competency	Task Group(s)
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Find and Use Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read Continuous Text (L2-Involves on text, may include unfamiliar elements)</li> <li>● Interpret Documents (L2 - performs limited searches using one or two search criteria, extracts information from tables/forms)</li> <li>● Extract Information from Films, Broadcasts, and Presentations</li> </ul>
Communicate Ideas and Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Interact with Others (L2 - brainstorm ideas)</li> <li>● Writes Continuous Text (L1-Conveys simple ideas and factual information)</li> </ul>
Use Digital Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Uses an online game to reinforce knowledge</li> <li>● Download and install an app (L2)</li> </ul>

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