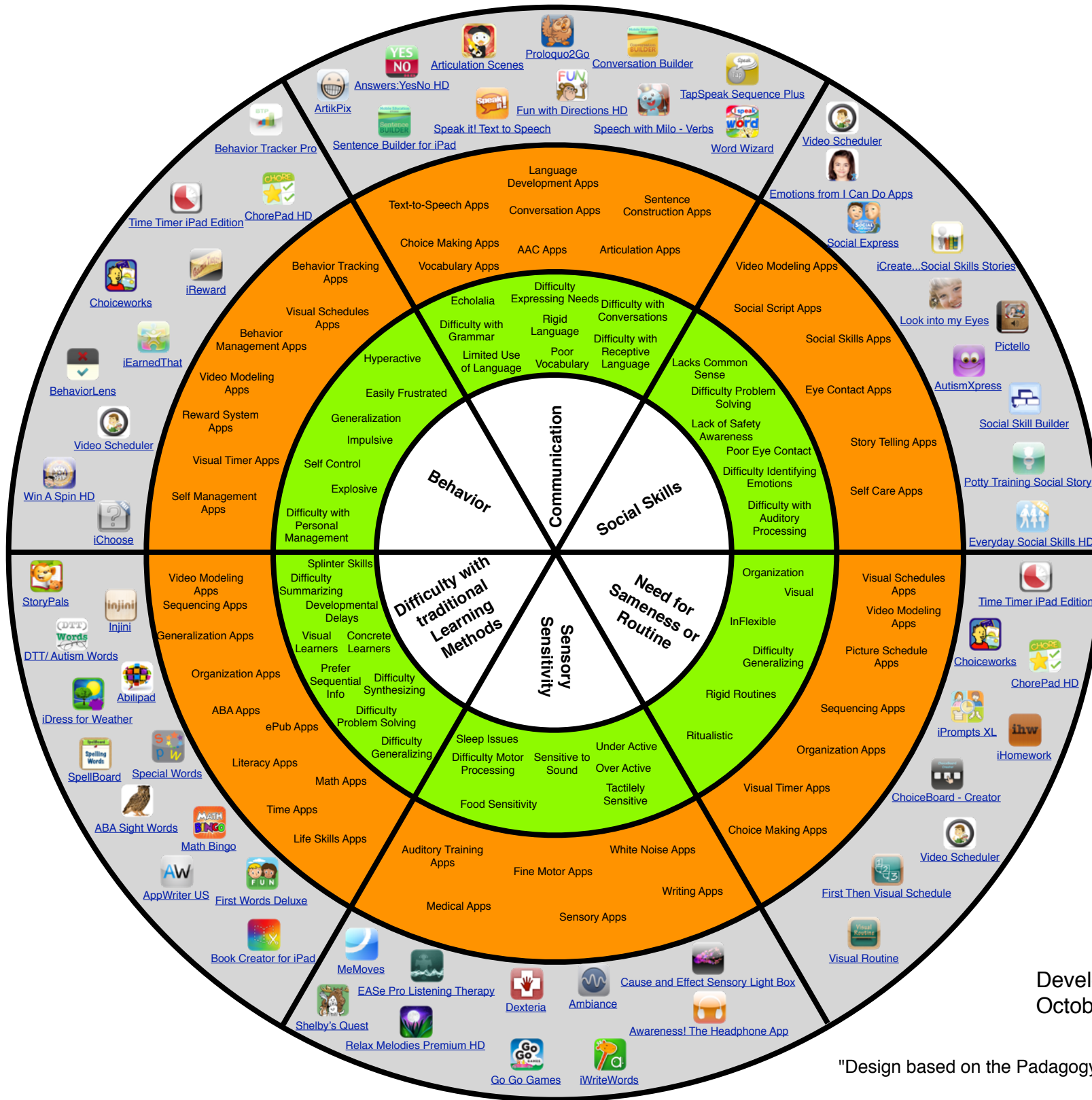# Apps for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders

When looking for apps for students on the autism spectrum (ASD), it is important to look at all educational apps and not just those that are tagged as autism apps. They have many of the same learning needs that other students have. This list was developed to provide apps based on common learning characteristics and traits that are typical for students with ASD. It is important to remember that all students learn differently and selecting apps should be based on the unique learning needs of the student.

This list is only a sampling of apps available for each skill area. This is not, nor is it meant to be a definitive list. This list is intended to give you a starting place and a rationale for picking certain apps.

Legend:
- ◯ Common Learning Characteristics
- 🟢 Common Learning Traits
- 🟠 App Categories
- ⬤ Apps

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Wheel — Center (Common Learning Characteristics)

- Behavior
- Communication
- Social Skills
- Need for Sameness or Routine
- Sensory Sensitivity
- Difficulty with traditional Learning Methods

Behavior

Common Learning Traits:
- Hyperactive
- Easily Frustrated
- Generalization
- Impulsive
- Self Control
- Explosive
- Difficulty with Personal Management

App Categories:
- Behavior Tracking Apps
- Visual Schedules Apps
- Behavior Management Apps
- Video Modeling Apps
- Reward System Apps
- Visual Timer Apps
- Self Management Apps

Apps:
- Behavior Tracker Pro
- Time Timer iPad Edition
- ChorePad HD
- iReward
- Choiceworks
- iEarnedThat
- BehaviorLens
- Video Scheduler
- Win A Spin HD
- iChoose

Communication

Common Learning Traits:
- Echolalia
- Difficulty with Grammar
- Limited Use of Language
- Difficulty Expressing Needs
- Rigid Language
- Poor Vocabulary
- Difficulty with Conversations
- Difficulty with Receptive Language

App Categories:
- Language Development Apps
- Text-to-Speech Apps
- Conversation Apps
- Sentence Construction Apps
- Choice Making Apps
- AAC Apps
- Articulation Apps
- Vocabulary Apps

Apps:
- Articulation Scenes
- Proloquo2Go
- Conversation Builder
- Answers:YesNo HD
- ArtikPix
- Fun with Directions HD
- TapSpeak Sequence Plus
- Speak it! Text to Speech
- Speech with Milo - Verbs
- Word Wizard
- Sentence Builder for iPad

Social Skills

Common Learning Traits:
- Lacks Common Sense
- Difficulty Problem Solving
- Lack of Safety Awareness
- Poor Eye Contact
- Difficulty Identifying Emotions
- Difficulty with Auditory Processing

App Categories:
- Video Modeling Apps
- Social Script Apps
- Social Skills Apps
- Eye Contact Apps
- Story Telling Apps
- Self Care Apps

Apps:
- Video Scheduler
- Emotions from I Can Do Apps
- Social Express
- iCreate...Social Skills Stories
- Look into my Eyes
- Pictello
- AutismXpress
- Social Skill Builder
- Potty Training Social Story
- Everyday Social Skills HD

Need for Sameness or Routine

Common Learning Traits:
- Organization
- Visual
- InFlexible
- Difficulty Generalizing
- Rigid Routines
- Ritualistic

App Categories:
- Visual Schedules Apps
- Video Modeling Apps
- Picture Schedule Apps
- Sequencing Apps
- Organization Apps
- Visual Timer Apps
- Choice Making Apps

Apps:
- Time Timer iPad Edition
- Choiceworks
- ChorePad HD
- iPrompts XL
- iHomework
- ChoiceBoard - Creator
- Video Scheduler
- First Then Visual Schedule
- Visual Routine

Sensory Sensitivity

Common Learning Traits:
- Sleep Issues
- Difficulty Motor Processing
- Food Sensitivity
- Sensitive to Sound
- Under Active
- Over Active
- Tactilely Sensitive

App Categories:
- Auditory Training Apps
- Fine Motor Apps
- Medical Apps
- Sensory Apps
- White Noise Apps
- Writing Apps

Apps:
- MeMoves
- EASe Pro Listening Therapy
- Shelby's Quest
- Relax Melodies Premium HD
- Dexteria
- Ambiance
- Cause and Effect Sensory Light Box
- Awareness! The Headphone App
- Go Go Games
- iWriteWords

Difficulty with traditional Learning Methods

Common Learning Traits:
- Splinter Skills
- Difficulty Summarizing
- Developmental Delays
- Visual Learners
- Concrete Learners
- Prefer Sequential Info
- Difficulty Synthesizing
- Difficulty Problem Solving
- Difficulty Generalizing

App Categories:
- Video Modeling Apps
- Sequencing Apps
- Generalization Apps
- Organization Apps
- ABA Apps
- ePub Apps
- Literacy Apps
- Math Apps
- Time Apps
- Life Skills Apps

Apps:
- StoryPals
- Injini
- DTT/ Autism Words
- Abilipad
- iDress for Weather
- SpellBoard
- Special Words
- ABA Sight Words
- Math Bingo
- AppWriter US
- First Words Deluxe
- Book Creator for iPad