

READING COMPREHENSION WORKSHEET

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Unit 1 – Information and Communication Technologies: A Beginner’s Guide to Mobile Apps

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Instructions: Read the Text “A Beginner’s Guide to Mobile Apps” and answer the worksheets in Groups. Once you finish the Worksheet, send it to your Teacher’s Email p.gonzalez@inmacsfdo.cl



A Beginner’s Guide to Mobile Apps

The word “app” is an abbreviation for “application.” It’s a piece of software that can run through a web browser or offline on a device such as a computer, smartphone, tablet, or other electronic devices, including smart TVs and smartwatches. Apps may or may not have a connection to the internet.

Types of Apps

There are three main types of apps: desktop, mobile, and web. Desktop apps are usually much fuller than mobile apps and have all the features of a program, whereas the mobile app is a simpler and easier-to-use version. Web apps can be full of features too, but they depend on the internet connection and a web browser program.

Examples of Apps

Some apps exist in all three forms and are available as not only mobile apps but also desktop and web apps.

Some image editors that run on your computer, but there are mobile versions, too. Another example are text generators. They are available for computers in its most advanced form but also on the web, by subscription, and via a mobile app. Others (often games) are similar in that there are both mobile and web versions of the same game.

Where to Get Apps

In the context of mobile apps, almost every platform has an online shop where its users can download both free and paid apps. These are normally accessible through the device itself or a website.

Desktop apps are more widely available from unofficial sources such as web pages, but there are also some official online shops run by companies.

Web apps load within a web browser and don’t need to be downloaded.

Text adapted from: <https://www.lifewire.com/what-are-apps-1616114>

I. Read the text and look for examples of the items in the chart.

TYPES OF APPS	DEVICES	UNOFFICIAL SOURCES	DESKTOP APPS

II. Read the text again and match the Words (1-4) with their definition (A-D)

- 1 Download
- 2 Image editor
- 3 Text generator
- 4 Web browser

A An app or program to write texts.

B A software program used to locate, access, and display web pages.

C An app to edit images or photos.

D To copy computer programs or information electronically using the Internet.

III. Interview your classmates and ask about their favorite APPS.

Student's Name	Favorite APPS

IV. Pay attention to the Apps mentioned in the chart. Discuss with your group and decide which ONE would you recommend to use. Explain why the group chose it.

We would recommend _____,

because _____.

