

4. USING APPS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



What is it?

You've probably used apps for communication, entertainment and to get news updates. But did you know that you can also use apps to develop as a teacher? Here are a few to get you started!

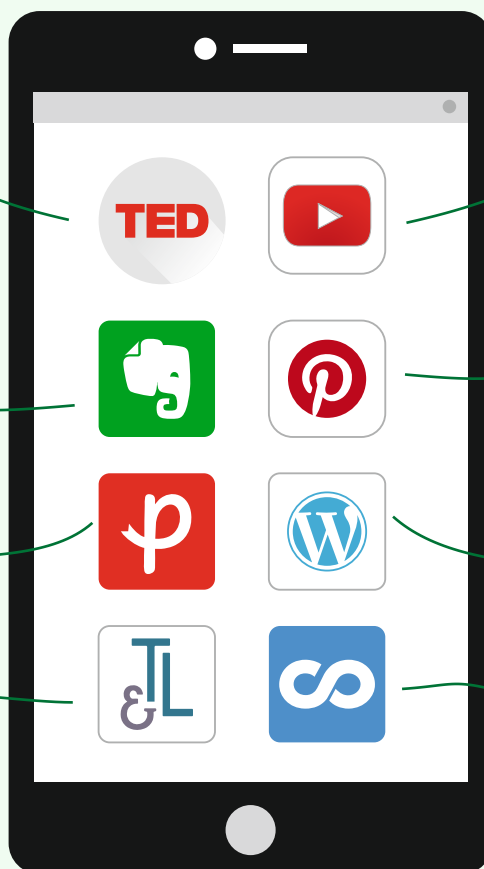
Apps for professional development

TED Talks: is full of insightful videos on a variety of topics including education.

Evernote: capture interesting article and record useful ideas in your digital notebook.

Penzu: reflect on your teaching in this a private app-based journal which sends you reminders to reflect.

Teach Learn Lead: a collaborative app-based community for teachers.



YouTube: subscribe to channels like British Council India for great ideas and resources to use in your classroom.

Pinterest: create a visual gallery of links, resources and infographics.

WordPress: read blogs or write your own and connect with teachers and educators across the world.

Coursera: access free courses on a wide range of topics

Evernote and Penzu can also be used to keep a record of online resources and take notes. To know more, go to: [Finding professional development resources online in this series.](#)



This guide uses Quick Response (QR) codes. To scan these codes, look for the app in Google Play or App Store and download it for free. To access resources, open the app and hold it above a QR code.

Using apps for professional development

Apps for classroom use

Sounds Right: this app by the British Council can be used for focusing on pronunciation.

Quizlet: useful for reviewing and reinforcing learning through exercises and games.

Seesaw: a student-driven digital portfolio with a separate app for communication with parents.

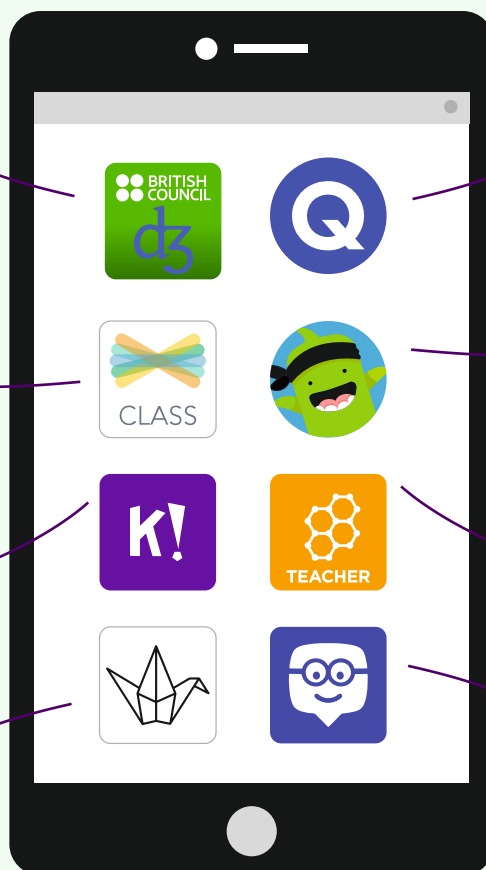
Classdojo: a fun behaviour management tool. It also gives parents visibility into their child's behaviour.

Kahoot: an engaging gamified quizzing app which is perfect for formative assessments.

Socrative: enables you to conduct digital assessments. There is a different app for teachers and students.

Padlet: a versatile tool that can be used for content curation, class blogging, student reflection and writing in a multi-modal way.

Edmodo: a social media tool for education with a separate app for parents. It can be used for hosting homework and sharing resources.



This guide is linked to the British Council CPD Framework for Teachers.

It develops the professional practice:

Integrating ICT: developing effective strategies for locating appropriate digital content.

Stage: Awareness