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TAGS

Free (Use up to 100 items per video and record up to 30 minutes.)

Classroom Contexts:
Whole Class, Teacher Research, Individual, Small Group

Wi-Fi: optional (for sharing movies)

Grades: all

Prerequisites:
familiarity with Mail app

Developer: Shadow Puppet Inc.

App Version: 2.6.9

Description

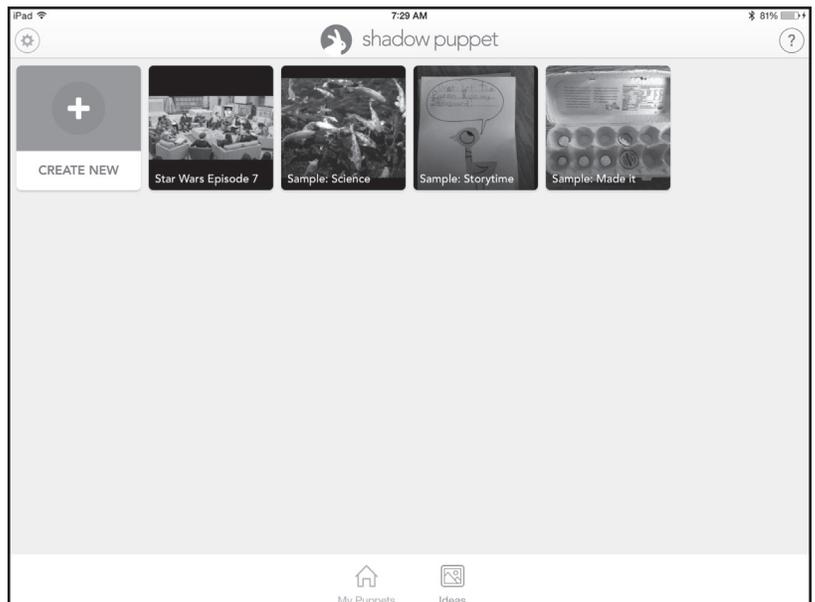
The Shadow Puppet Edu app lets you capture and share student work. Using existing photos and video clips from their Camera Rolls or Photo Libraries, students of any grade level can make videos to tell stories, explain concepts, or record progress. This app can also be used as a teaching tool. Create and share short lessons, explanations, and instructions, and have them available to your students anytime online or in class.

How to Access Shadow Puppet Edu's Tutorial

1. From the main screen, tap on the icon in the upper-right corner that looks like a question mark in a circle.
2. Select Show tutorial. Four helpful steps are illustrated.

How to Create a Video

1. Launch the Shadow Puppet Edu app.
2. Select Create New to start a new video. Choose videos and/or photos from your Camera Roll and Photo Library. You can also do a Web search. You can add up to 100 items to your video and record up to 30 minutes of footage.

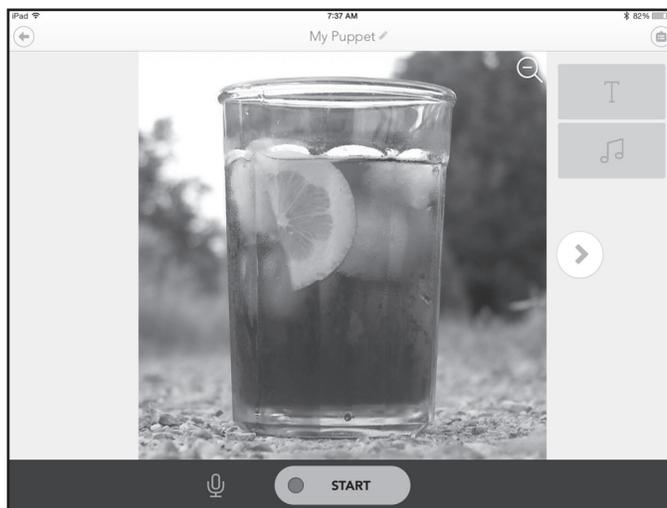




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How to Create a Video (cont.)

3. Tap on the video clips and/or photos, one by one. They will appear in the order you tapped on them. These are now slides in your project.
4. If you need to reorder them, tap on Reorder and arrange the videos and photos in the same way you would organize apps on an iPad. Once you have selected and put your videos and photos in order, tap on Next in the bottom-right corner of the screen.
5. Select Start at the bottom of the screen to begin recording. You will be given a three-second prompt. Start recording your voice. A timer will appear showing you a running timer of your recording. The large right-facing arrow icon will display a gray circle that gradually becomes blue the longer you record. A good general recording practice is to record 15 seconds maximum for each slide. When the circle is completely blue, it's been 15 seconds.



6. If you need to pause, tap Recording at the bottom of the screen.
7. If you need to undo, select the “undo” arrow in the bottom-left corner of the screen. Undo deletes the audio recording of the current slide. Anything recorded on previous slides is still saved.
8. You make audio recordings slide by slide. To go to the next slide to record your audio, tap on the large right-facing arrow icon. The next slide will appear.
9. Select Save when you are done recording. The Preview & Share window will pop up.
10. You can preview your video once again by tapping on the right-facing “play” button displayed over your project.
11. To save your video to your Camera Roll, select Done in the upper-right corner of the Preview & Share window.



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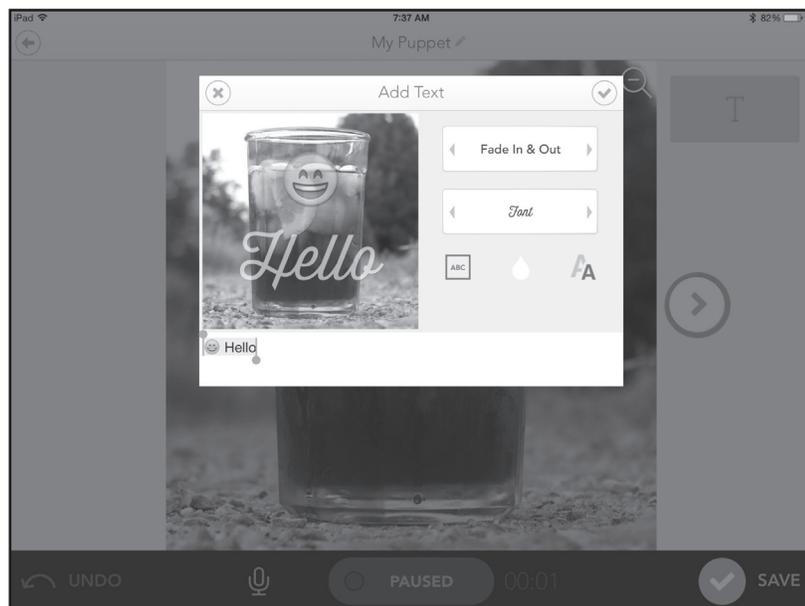
Slide Size Format

Shadow Puppet Edu formats your slides into a square format. If parts of your slides are cropped off, you can go through each slide before recording and pinch and/or zoom your image to show what you need to show.

Tap on the right-facing arrow to go forward to your next slide and tap on the left-facing arrow to go backward. All this can be done before recording begins.

How to Add Text to Videos

1. Before you start recording, you can add text to your current slide by tapping on the “T” button in the upper-right corner of the screen.
2. You can adjust the font size, style, and change the text’s color.



3. You can also change the way the text initially appears on the slide. After selecting your preferences, tap on the “check mark” icon in the upper-right corner of the window and choose from one of the given options.

How to Add Music to Your Videos

You can add songs from your iTunes library or choose background music provided by Shadow Puppet Edu. Simply select the “music” icon and choose either iTunes library or Background Music. Follow the steps for each.

How to Add Effects While Recording Videos

To use emoticons or the highlighter, select the “magic wand” icon. This icon will appear once you start recording the audio part of the video.

To zoom in and out, double tap on an area of the image shown.



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Search the Web for Images

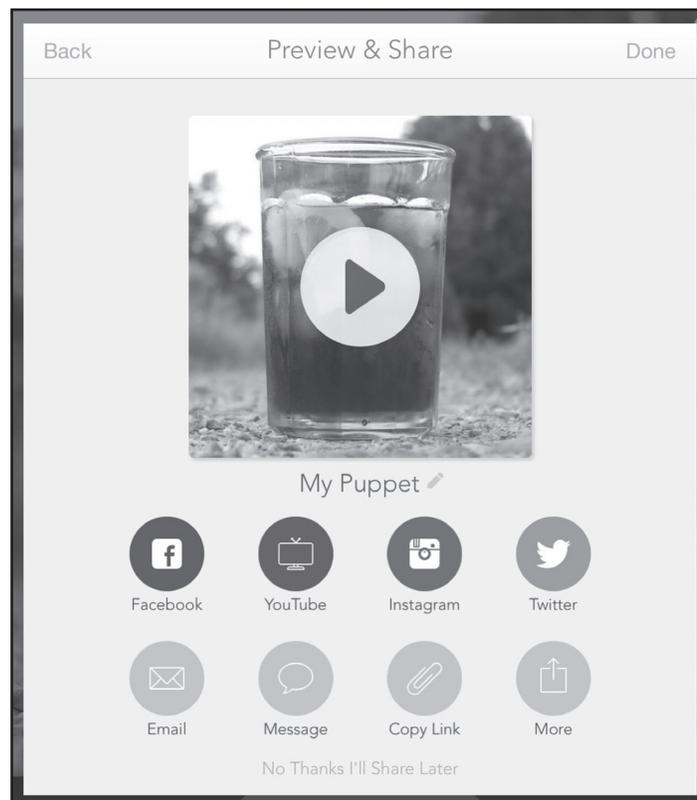
In addition to adding your own personal images from your Photo Library, you can add images from the app's own in-app education image browser. Choose images from the Library of Congress, NASA, Wikimedia Commons, Open Clipart, and others. You can also search the Web to add images to your videos. Safe-search filters are in place. You have the option to disable education-search images and Web searches entirely if you wish, since safe-search filters are never foolproof.

How to Disable Education and Web Searching

1. Go to Settings on your iPad.
2. Scroll down on the left until you find the Shadow Puppet Edu app. Select it.
3. Tap on the slider until Disable Edu or Web Image Search is green (on).

How to Share Your Videos

1. Go to the top-right corner and tap on the icon that looks like two horizontal lowercase *is* in a circle.
2. Select Share.
3. A tray of options will appear. Choose the one that meets your needs.





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Lesson Ideas

Shadow Puppet Edu provides many lesson ideas. On the first screen, after launching the app, tap on Ideas to see a comprehensive list of lesson ideas aligned to the Common Core State Standards. Below are alternative lesson ideas that meet standards CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.K.6, CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.1.6, and CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.2.6, among others.

“Student Portfolio”

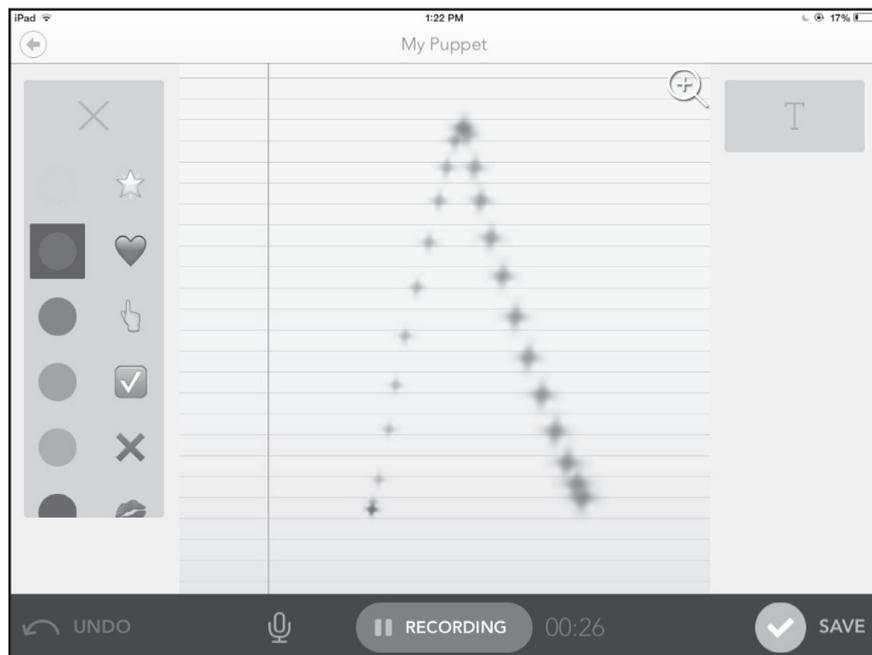
This is a teacher lesson. You can make a digital portfolio of all the schoolwork your students have done throughout the year. First, create a plan to identify the pieces of student work you want to include in the portfolio. Take pictures of the student work, or if they are digital, open up the files and take portrait (versus landscape) screenshots of them. Add text, noting the names of the projects and dates. If doing a whole year’s worth of work is too daunting, then focus on doing an individual portfolio, such as a writing portfolio or an art portfolio.

“News Report”

Have older students find news articles and search for supporting images to help summarize them. To help students with this project, create a project template they can use during planning.

“Counting/Alphabet Practice”

Have younger students record their voices while counting numbers or reciting the alphabet. At the same time, they can use the highlighter to write the numbers or letters. For a background image, select the notebook paper in the Other section of the image browser.





Digital Book Reports

Lesson Objective

Students will learn how to create digital book reports.

Materials and Preparation

- one iPad per student
- one teacher iPad and projection or streaming technology
- one storybook per student
- sample script (see below)

Create a sample digital book report as described in the Opening/Input.

Opening/Input

1. Have each student read a storybook.
2. Have students take pictures of the storybook covers.
3. Tell students that they will be giving digital book reports on their storybooks.
4. Provide a sample script (see below) that students can use for their recordings.

My name is _____ and I read a [funny, silly, sad] book called _____.
It was written by _____.
I like this book because _____.

5. Launch the Shadow Puppet Edu app.
6. Show students how to create a video using only one slide. (For older students, consider using three slides.) Play your prepared sample.

Guided Practice

1. Have a student volunteer create a one-slide video about a storybook.
2. Tell the student to email the video using the Mail app.

On Their Own

1. Have students record one-slide videos using the cover photos and scripts.
2. Tell students to email their videos using the Mail app.

Extension

Have first- or second-graders do this activity using five or more slides.