

## **GraphoGame Literacy App**



King Sejong Literacy Prize Winner 2023

Grapho Game®

# Why should children in UAE learn to read with a gaming app?



- ✓ Use teachers time wisely: GraphoGame is as effective as one-to-one teacher support. Instead of teaching basics language skills, teachers can use time for e.g., enhanced critical thinking, creativity and innovation
- ✓ Early recognition of special education needs, gifted and talented: Automated personalized learning paths. Helps to group students based on learning progress. Helps detect students at risk of reading challenges after just five weeks of gameplay.
- ✓ Get data on learning process for entire schools, districts or even the whole country.



Graphogame is the most researched game in the world

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15 Years

Of Academic Research

+300

Peer-Reviewed Research Publications

20

PhD or MS Thesis Papers Done

1

Suite of Literacy Solutions



# External Impact Evaluations prove it works









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"The Nobel Prize in Education"

Overview

Safety

Impact on Learning

Designed For Children

Scalability

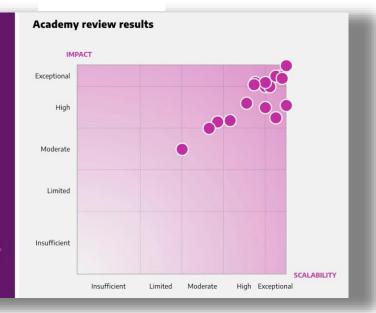
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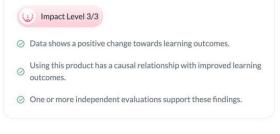


#### Impact on learning

#### Theory

Developed in 1992 by Prof. Heikki Lyytinen, the GraphoGame methodology originated as a dyslexia screening tool. It evolved into a global project involving 30 universities, with over 300 publications and 20 PhDs. Key collaborators include the University of Cambridge, Yale's Haskins Laboratories, and Beijing Normal University. The GraphoGame Research Steering Committee includes experts like Prof. Usha Goswami (Cambridge) and Prof. Elena Grigorenko (Yale).

Download more information











#### **Strong Global Traction**

### 10 million

**Downloads globally** 

500 000

**Monthly Active Users** 

### 18 countries

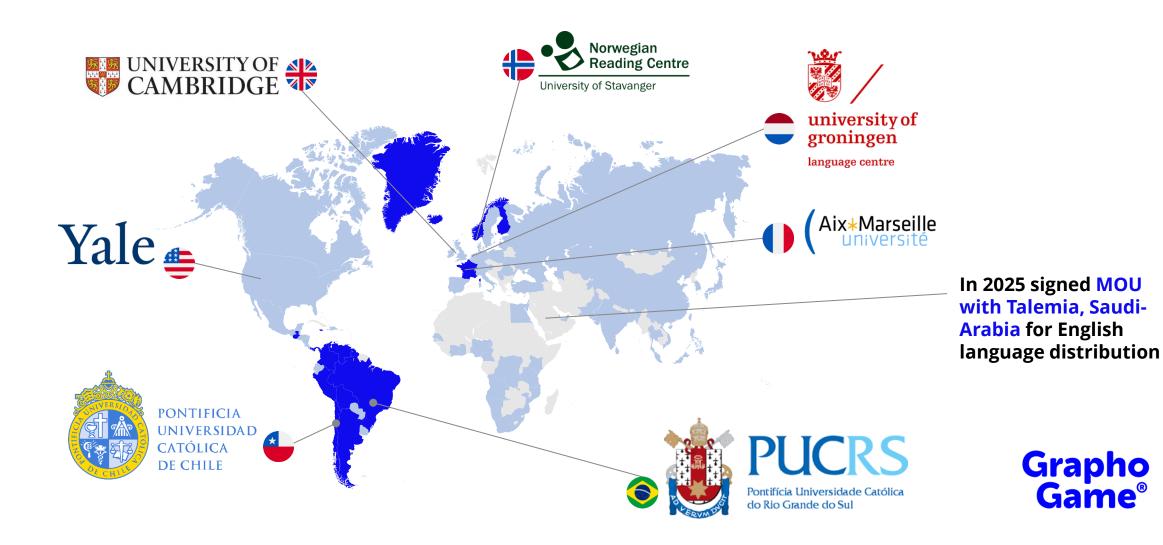
Market leader in France, Brazil, Iceland, Greenland, Norway and Finland. 18 nationwide deals done





### 18 National Distribution Agreements

17 language versions made in partnership with leading local universities



#### Learning to read is fun: How it works



Students create their own avatar which they can customise with rewards they earn from completing learning tasks.

In learning levels students hear a sound or a set of sounds and must find or form the letter, syllable or word that corresponds with it.

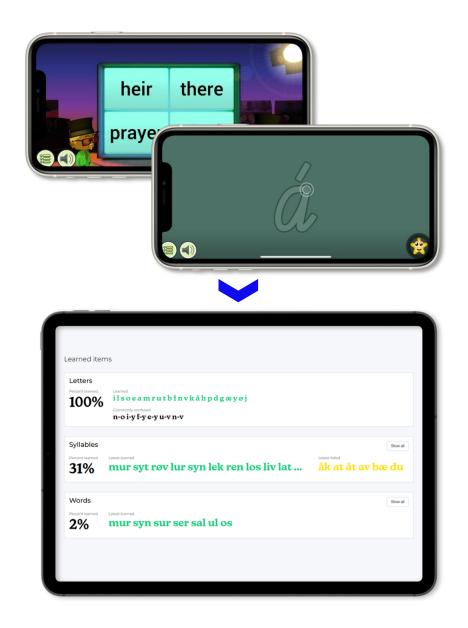




Earn rewards from learning and customise your avatar with new hairstyles, accessories and clothing!

#### Teachers and parents get detailed analysis of literacy learning process

- ✓ GraphoGame and the dashboard **track each letter, syllable and word** and how students are performing with them
- ✓ See common errors and get warned of problematic repeated mistakes
- ✓ Track where the class is in their literacy learning before moving to harder content



### Proposal how we could work together

1. Use of GraphoGame UK English\* in kindergardens and schools

2. Development of GraphoGame Arabic

Suggestion to discuss proposal and possible next steps 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> of November in Dubai

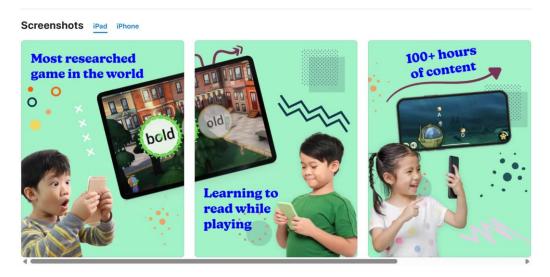


<sup>\*</sup>developed with Cambrige University

#### Part 1: English Literacy Solution in UAE

- ✓ GraphoGame has worked with 10s of governments, NGOs and ministries to create national literacy resources that benefit whole nations
- ✓ We offer the launch, maintenance and distribution of English-language literacy games as a downloadable resource for all schools, students, and teachers
- ✓ The English versions of GraphoGame can either paid for by the government and free to download for end users or pay by download
- ✓ The English GraphoGames are researched by University of Cambridge







## Part 2: Partner to co-develop GraphoGame – Modern Standard Arabic



To develop an impactful and theory-driven literacy app, the content cannot just be localized into Arabic. We work with linguistics, pedagogy and neuropsychology researchers to **map the phonology and orthography of Arabic to the GraphoGame Method**, a peer-reviewed model for creating gamified and evidence-based literacy apps for 3-12 year old children.

Grapho Group maintains a wide network of researchers and we already have multiple researchers willing to do commissioned research and development for an Arabic language GraphoGame.



# Part 2: Indicative Phases of development

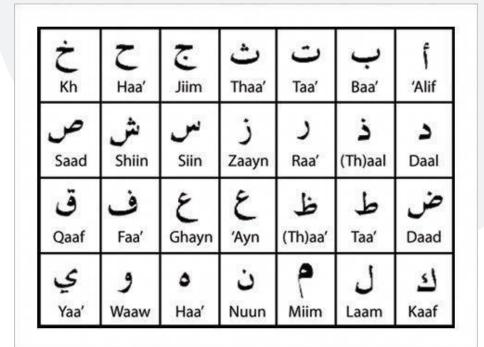
#### **Stage 1 - Letter-sound correspondence**

- Project length: 2-5 months
- Mapping Arabic phonology, designing progression, gamifying content to make it motivating, pilot & launch
- The game will teach students the phonemes (sounds) and graphemes (letters)

#### Stage 2 - Phonemic awareness & blending

- Project length: 4-6 months
- Teaching contextual graphemes, how to blend sounds into syllables and words
- The game will teach students how to use what they learned in the stage
   1 content to create rime units, syllables and words

#### **Stage 3 - Fluency & Comprehension (TBD)**





## **Appendix: Use cases**



#### **Case Norway**

- "GraphoGame: Lær norsk" is the most widely used learning to read app across Norway
- In collaboration with the University of Stavanger's Reading Centre we developed the world's first algorithmic approach to identifying reading difficulties based on GraphoGame interaction data
- The GraphoGame Risk Screener supports
   teachers in identifying the students who are at
   risk of developing reading difficulties half a year
   before end-of-term literacy assessments
- Oslo municipality uses GraphoGame, its algorithm and its dynamic assessment dashboard as its only primary education literacy solution and offers it to all Oslo teachers via their public sector edtech sales platform



#### **Case: Brazil**

- GraphoGame Brazil launched in November 2020 as a free download app for all residents of Brazil, funded by the Brazilian government
- 5 days after launch, ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in trending apps in Google Play and 4<sup>th</sup> in iOS App Store in the Educational category
- Brazilian Ministry of Education paid entire User
   Acquisition Cost (CAC)
- TV and radio campaigns to promote the app,
   effectively negating our need for marketing spend

2M
downloads

4.5 average star rating on app stores

100+
published news articles







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