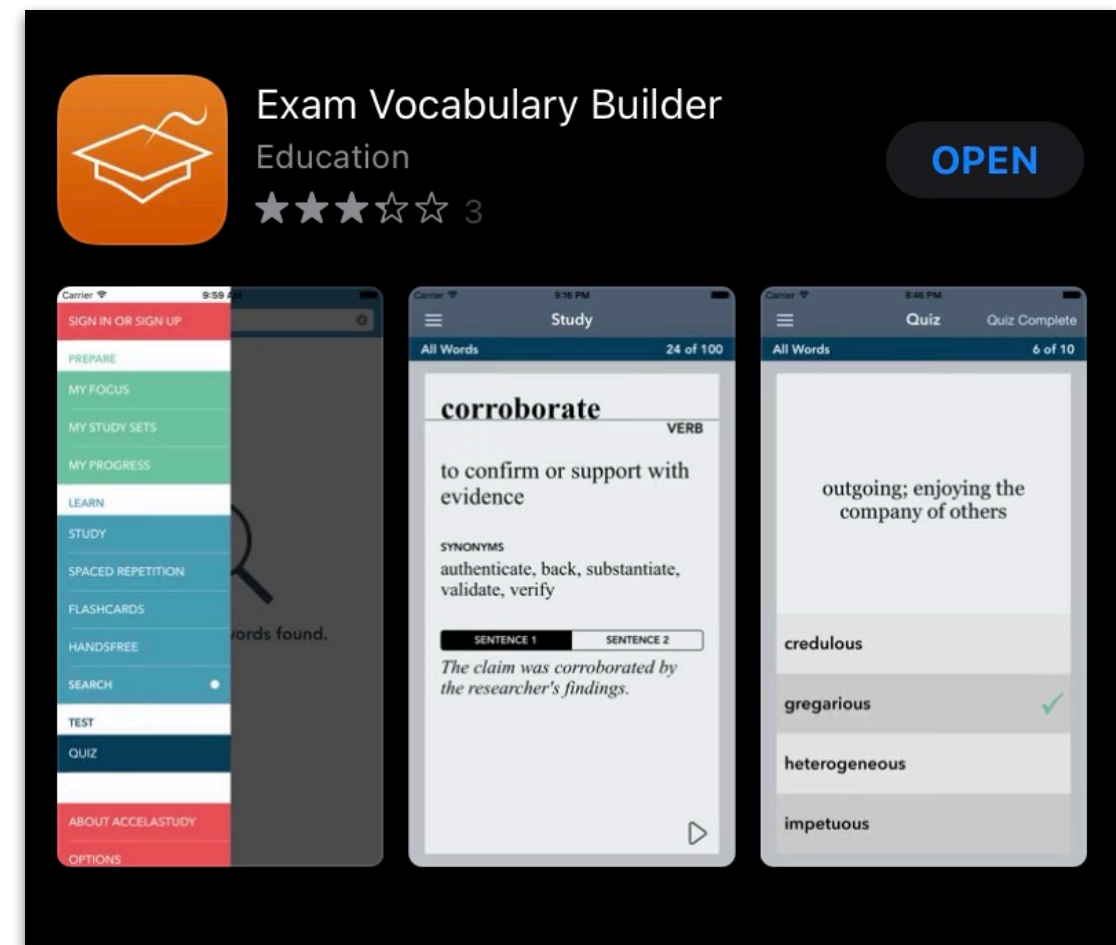# Essentials

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Background

- Essentials was created by AccelaStudy Infinite

- AccelaStudy is test-prep education company

- Currently has a 3.3 star rating out of 5 from 3 reviewers on Apple
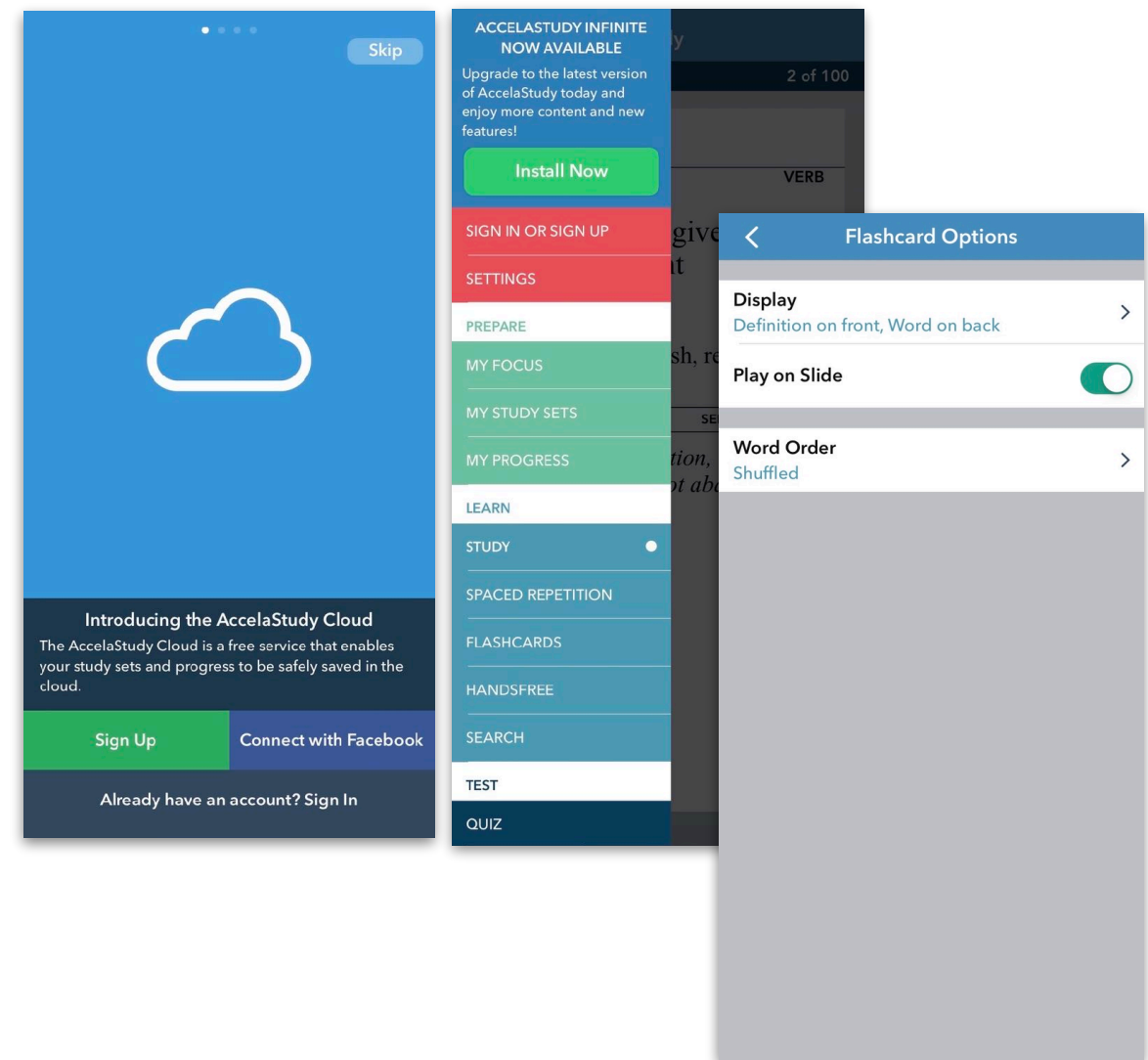
- Cost: Free

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Onboarding, Menu Bar, Settings

Pros:

- Option to create an account or skip without signing in

- Option to create an account later

- Option to customize LEARN options

  - I.e. volume, word order, "Play on Slide", display, number of questions.

Cons:

- Instructional overlay would have been helpful on how to proceed to the next slide.

- Lengthy "User Guide" found in "Settings"
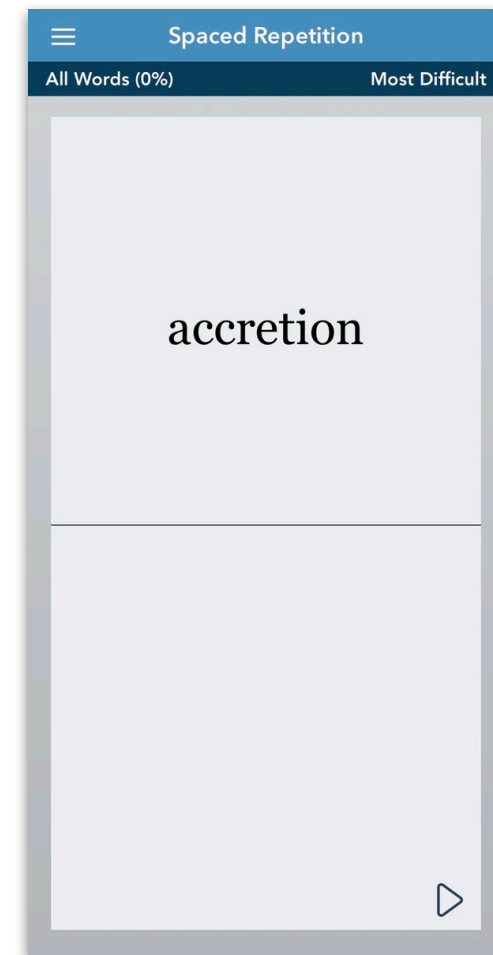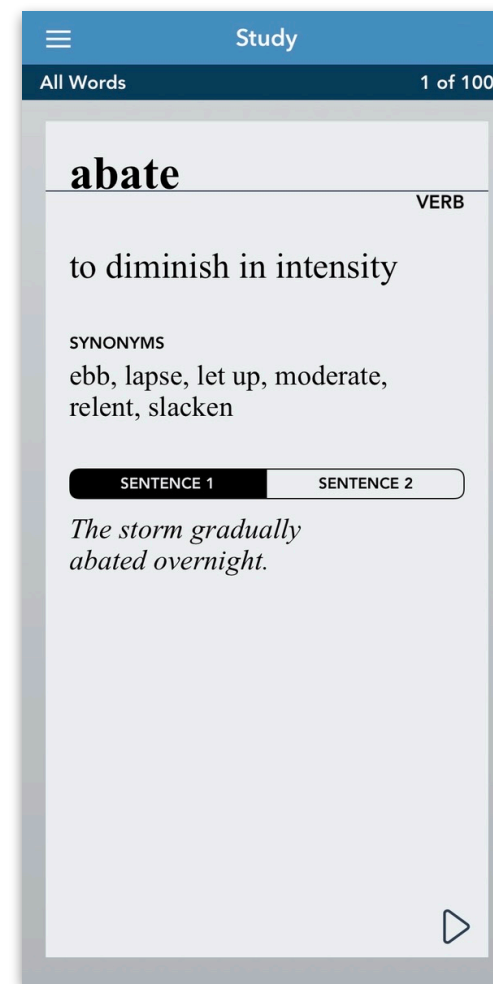
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LEARN: Study, Spaced Repetition

Pros:

- Automatic audio of the word when landing on word page
- Words and definitions are clearly shown
- STUDY: Can swipe left or right to move forward or backwards for a new or old word page

Cons:

- Confusing right pointing triangle button on lower right corner is the audio for the word. (A speaker icon next to the word might have been easier)
- No clear direction on what to do next

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LEARN: Flashcards, Handsfree

Pros:

- Clear words and definition

Cons:

- FLASHCARDS: Confusing right pointing triangle button on lower right corner is the audio for the word. (A speaker icon next to the word might have been easier)

- No clear direction on what to do next

- No way to save and create a list of difficult words for review.

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Summary

Essentials is a helpful app for a student and/or someone that is looking to learn more vocabulary. The "Handsfree"option is great choice for users wanting to just listen on the go. "Study", "Spaced Repetitions" and "Flashcards" are also great learning options, but they were too similar in function. Combining them to one option and having the user customize (in settings) to his/her preference may minimize the redundancy. Unfortunately, this app only contains a limited number of words and new words cannot be added unless upgrading to another app. In the beginning, first time users will find this app a bit confusing as the icons are not clearly identified. But after the initial run though, the designers have made a successful product that is easy to use.