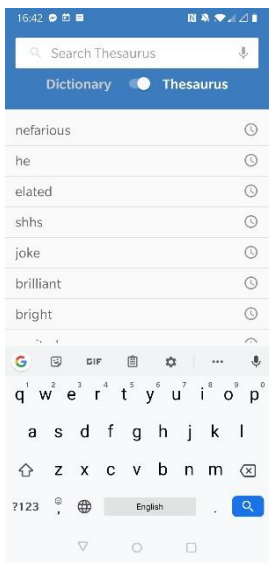
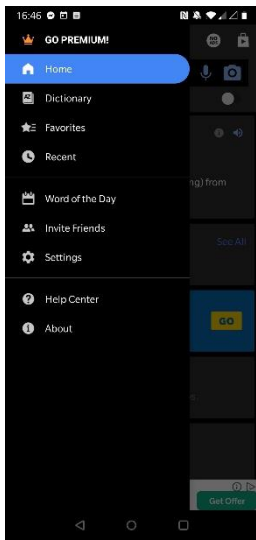

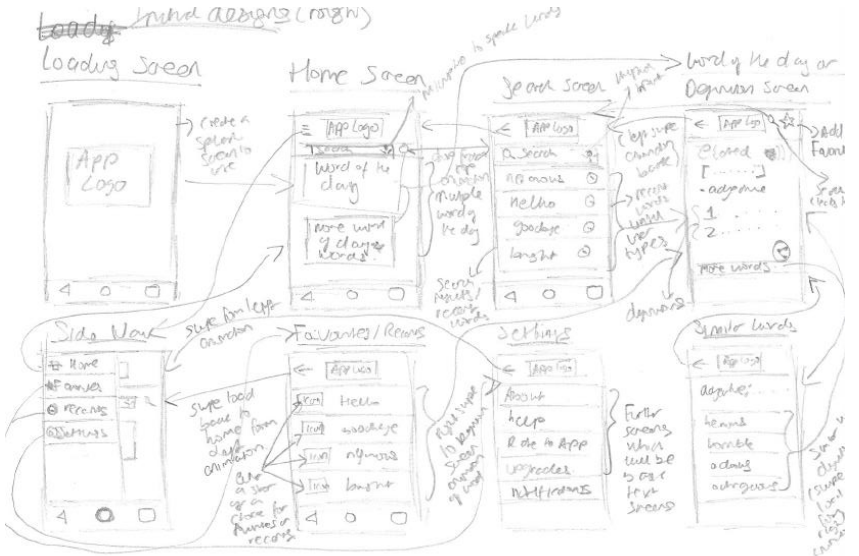
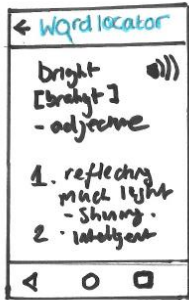
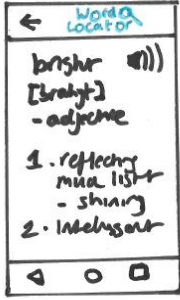
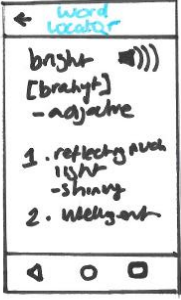





Design Log

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28/01/20	20:00 – 21:00	Generating App Ideas	<p>Created a mind map for brainstorming 4 app ideas and concepts</p> <p>Fitness App → Pro's: - popular - easy to access/gain data from reports. - easy to sell</p> <p>Con's: - very difficult to program - hard to do analysis - difficult to buy and attract - not a long run - high expectations</p> <p>Meditation/relaxation app → Pro's: - popular - easy to access/gain data from reports. - easy to sell</p> <p>Con's: - hard to do analysis - difficult to buy and attract - not a long run - high expectations</p> <p>Dictionary app → Pro's: - reading easy to program - simple - visual tool</p> <p>Con's: - isn't original? - needs a huge library of words for storage</p> <p>Riddle/brain teaser app → Pro's: - involves coming up with multiple levels (time consuming) - difficult to integrate different pieces/puzzles through an app - might affect performance of app</p> <p>Con's: - hard to do analysis - difficult to buy and attract - not a long run - high expectations</p> <p>Made pro's and con lists for each idea and thought about how each idea could be different to existing apps, then ranked the ideas from best concept to worst concept, in order to choose the best app idea.</p>
28/01/20	21:00 – 22:00	Deciding on programming language/ tools and platform for development (e.g. Android vs IOS)	<p>Listed the different programming tools (paired with which programming language) and database storage providers I would consider using to develop the app, creating pro's and con's lists for each of them. Comparing and deciding that I would use React Native and Firebase.</p>

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29/01/20	13:00 -14:00	Word Locator Idea brainstorm	<p>This was mainly putting myself in the seat of what the users would possibly want in the app, listing the key features of competitor apps (dictionary.com[1] and oxford dictionary[2]). Plus coming up with the name of the app(Word locator) in relation to this.</p> <div>    </div> <p>Key Features of both dictionary.com and oxford dictionary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Word definitions Related words (thesaurus) Search functionality Recently searched words Word pronunciations (audio) Favourite words list Word of the day + notifications Settings/about/help Social media sharing of words Voice search for words 		

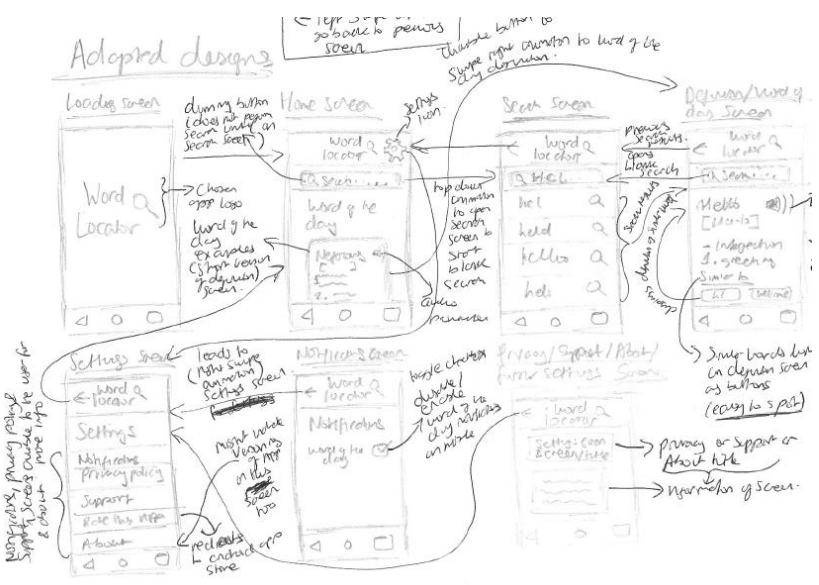
29/01/20	14:00 – 15:00	Moodboard creation	Creating a mood board based off the app idea and looking at the key features of competitor apps, web searching and choosing images and a colour scheme based off most associated images and colours to the theme/idea of the app.
01/02/20	13:00 – 14:00	Initial Sketches	<p>Creating and annotating initial designs of the app (including logo/branding) based off moodboard and research of key features of competitor apps(I realised that the app design will most likely change in the future depending on features chosen to implement as currently its involves a heavy number of features which is not accomplishable in the time period).</p>  <p>Logo Designs (Word locator)</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Design 1</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Design 2</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Design 3</p>  </div> </div> <p>This also helped me understand, plan and construct a flow of which a user will be able to easily navigate through the application and the different screens.</p>
01/02/20	14:00 – 15:00	Fontboard Creation	Started off with researching the different default font types that are available in the programming language and platform that I would be using (Android) as well as briefly looking at other existing mobile apps and the font types used.

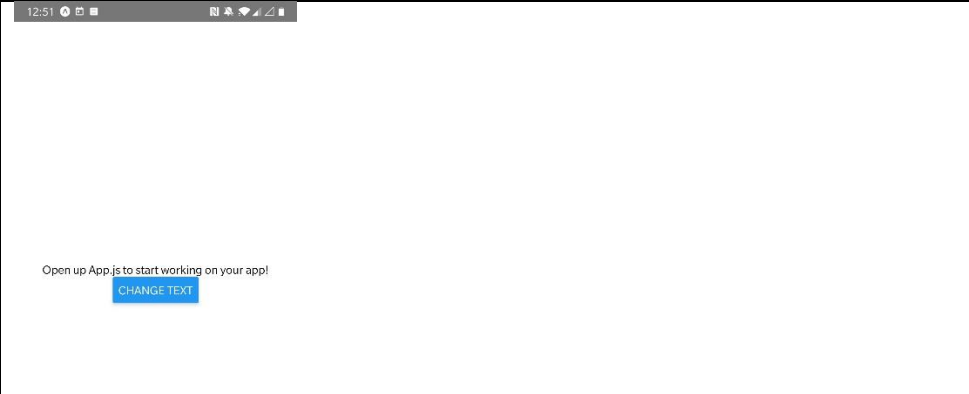
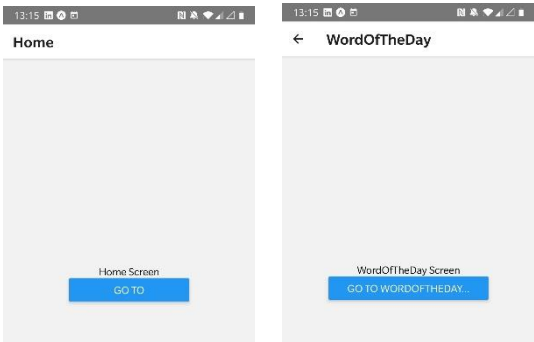
		<p>Some of React Native fonts (Available for android): [3] [4]</p>   <p>Other existing mobile app fonts:</p> <p>Futura: [5]</p>  <p>Raleway: [6]</p> <p>Using a mobile phone (Android) template I found online, I started to construct in PowerPoint using PowerPoint tools, a basic UI screen of one of the main screens (the word definition screen) from my initial sketches and incorporated the font type using possible forms of text which might be used within the app (to envision what it might look like on a real mobile). Then picked the most appealing font-type (Raleway). From there I briefly searched how to import external fonts.</p>
05/02/20	20:00 – 22:00	<p>Business Case</p> <p>I started to develop my business case or "pitch" for a client, at first researching different business cases to understand key points to include. Reviewed the existing apps that were similar to my app idea and analysing what user issues my app would need to overcome to improve on existing apps and therefore be worth buying, Listing my implementation strategy that I had chosen as well as taking into account other factors such as cost, timeline and other risks and contingencies of which could come into play during app development.</p>
09/02/20	14:00 – 16:00	<p>Personas and User Stories</p> <p>I started off with first looking at what functionalities my app could provide then made a list of the most common types of possible users (mainly focusing on their occupations) the app would serve, thinking about when they would be using the app, most importantly what would they be using the app for and the reasons why as well as how (see below image).</p>

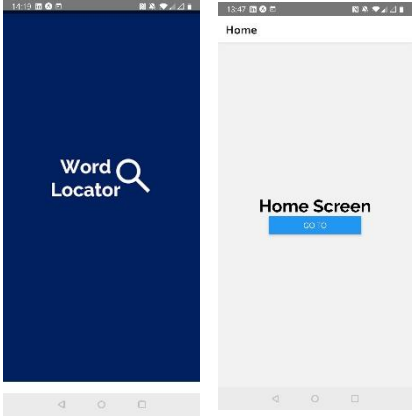
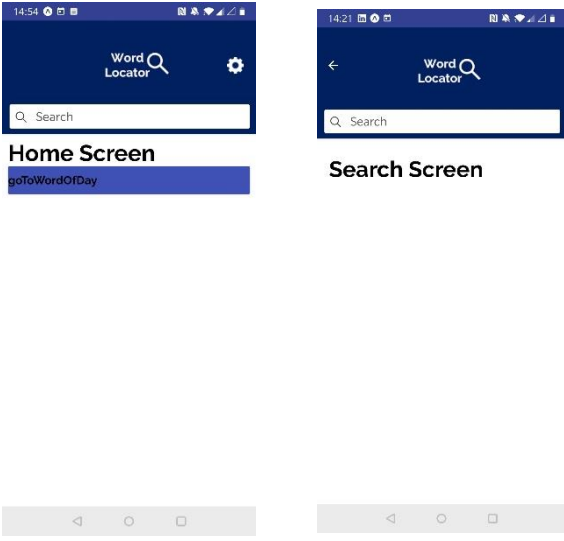
The user stories and personas gave me insight on my own app from a different perspective, rather than just writing about my app features, I feel as though it, it helped me plan and discuss my design decisions before implementation by taking into account different user needs and prioritising app features/capabilities in order to meet the overall goals of the app. This is commonly used in agile based projects.

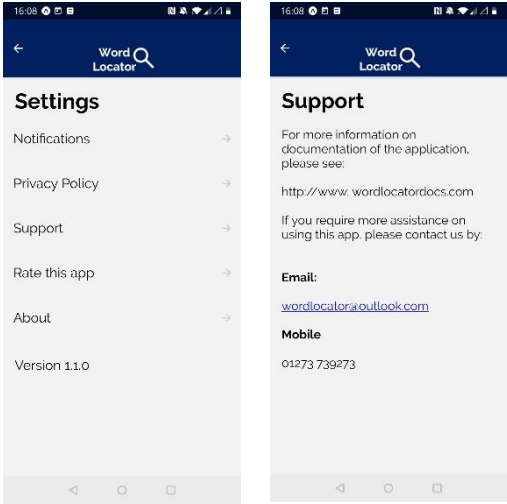
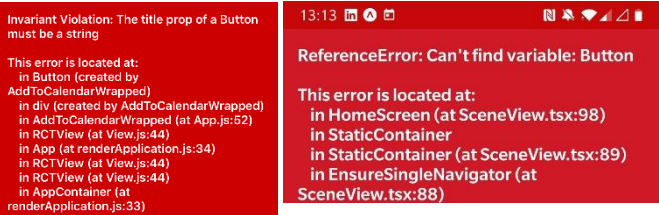

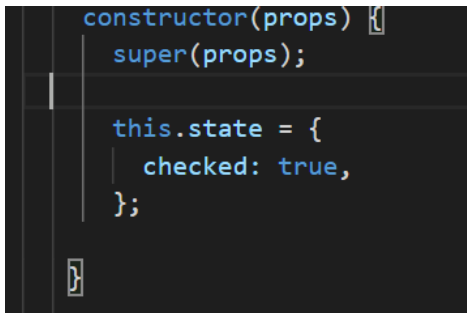
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1) Foreign Users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - users who are not fluent / their native language is not English. - Used by travellers to look up words on the go (objects / signs etc?) - quick search needed to find word definitions or hear word pronunciation to speak back. - Simple definitions / uncorrected.
2) Teachers / Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - users in education who need to verify / find suitable words to use in verbal or written communication, reports, presentations etc? - need to be able to access a range of vocabulary easily (similar words) - Simple definitions which can be understood by all audiences. - user friendly on mobile / on the go between locations (on campus & off) - when vocabulary?
3) Lawyers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - need to be able to find precise definitions / professional definitions - used when drafting legal documents on the go / conveying with clients - need to be able to search quickly
4) Journalists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - need to be able to look for common appealing words to use in verbal / written communication (magazines or newspapers) - need to be able to pronounce words / practice words & say correctly on cue.


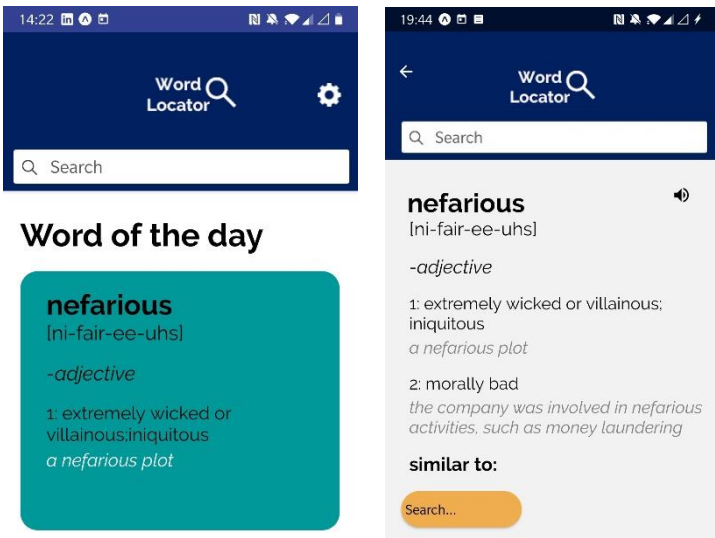
10/02/20	14:00 - 16:00	User stories (continued)	Adding more user stories (in order to have a range to discuss and make design decisions from)
10/02/20	20:00-21:00	Choosing app key features and re-edit of business case and Font-board	<p>From the personas and user stories, I was able to understand the key features that my app would need to include and how it would benefit from a business point of view, deciding on the following 5 key features to implement (due to time limitations):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy access and simple word definitions (in an easy to read format – not overcrowded with information) • Easy access to similar words (on the word definition page) • Search functionality • Sound/audio pronunciations of words • Word of the day <p>Editing business case and font-board to reflect the key features chosen.</p>

11/02/20	11:00 – 17:00	Storyboard (application diagram and individual screens)	<p>Developing from my initial sketches and after narrowing down the features of my application I again created a mock-up of all the UI screens through sketches and then when I was happy with it transferred it digitally onto a mobile outline using PowerPoint tools (like the Footboard).</p>  <p>I restructured the screens based on the flow I had decided within the above sketches in order to create the high-level application diagram of the storyboard. This will help to be able to reference and possibly change if necessary, the different screens during development.</p>
11/02/20	20:00 – 23:00	Storyboard (further development to individual screens)	<p>I delved deeper looking at the user interactions on each screen (referring back to competitor applications), the different components that are visible on the screen and how the user will get from screen to screen, plus the transitions that will need to be planned/integrated. Noting down the design and descriptions of each screen on the storyboard. This again will help during development as a reference.</p>
12/02/20	13:00 – 15:00	Getting started on using React Native and Expo	<p>Had a brief look at react native basics (seeing how it differs from react which I have had previous experience in). https://reactnative.dev/docs/getting-started [7].</p> <p>Figuring out the best way to get stuck into creating a react native app, coming past expo; an open source platform which allows easy setup and preview of react native applications. Learning to create, build and deploy a blank react native application/project using Expo through CLI. Installing all the necessary dependencies and packages into the project. https://expo.io/ [8]</p> <p>basic expo managed project created and previewed on my phone through QR code scanning:</p>

			
13/02/20	20:00 – 22:00	Understanding React Navigation using react native packages	<p>After creating a few basic screens in react native using expo, I started looking into / searching on how to implement a basic navigator to navigate between screens, coming past react navigation, which uses a basic stack navigator.</p> <p>React Navigation Official Tutorial Website: https://reactnavigation.org/docs/en/getting-started.html [9]</p>
14/02/20	13:00 – 16:00	Understanding React Navigation using react native packages (Continued)	<p>Continued using react navigation to successfully be able to transition between screens using buttons (on the app). Creating a basic (without styling) home screen, word of the day screen, search screen as well as settings' screens</p> <div data-bbox="603 983 1139 1323">  </div>
16/02/20	13:00 – 16:00	Styling loading screen(expo) + importing fonts	<p>Worked on styling the default loading screen created by Expo, by creating a separate image with the chosen app logo (created using GIMP) to replace the default image and editing the app.JSON script (tutorial here: https://medium.com/faun/customize-your-splash-screen-with-expo-for-your-react-native-app-5aca4fc667). [10]</p> <pre data-bbox="587 1536 1003 1700"> { "version": "1.0.0", "orientation": "portrait", "splash": { "image": "./assets/AppLogo.png", "resizeMode": "contain", "backgroundColor": "#ffffff" } }</pre>

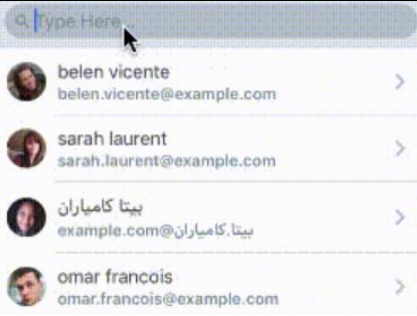


			 <p>In addition to this, imported external fonts (Raleway – see above screenshot on home screen) into the project, using the following tutorial: https://medium.com/@mehran.khan/ultimate-guide-to-use-custom-fonts-in-react-native-77fcdf859cf4 [11]</p>
20/02/20	13:00 – 19:00	Styling home screen, search screen, word of the day screen and Settings' screens	<p>Installing and Importing UI libraries like Native base (https://docs.nativebase.io/docs/GetStarted.html [12]) and React Native Elements (https://react-native-elements.github.io/react-native-elements/docs/getting_started.html[13]) into the project, looking at implementing + styling various components, starting off with changing the header styling of the stack navigator, using the following link as a guide to the parameter values that were available: https://reactnavigation.org/docs/headers [14]</p>  <p>Once a header was created for all screens, text and buttons was also added to the settings screens to mimic the storyboard created.</p>

			 <p>This was a lot of fiddling around with sizing and padding of various components which ate up a lot of time. also encountered some minor issues occasionally with the styling of components from different libraries which looking at the error logs , documentation and a few search links was able to quickly solve.</p> 
22/02/20	13:00 – 16:00	Fixing Notifications Screen issue	<p>Originally setup the UI Checkbox component (from react native elements) on the notifications screen previously, however, did not implement the checkbox till today.</p>  <p>I first manually set the state of the checkbox (using the checked property) in react to false, then true, to test if the checkbox state did change and this passed.</p> 

			<p>However, upon setting the checkbox to change state when pressed (following this link: https://stackoverflow.com/questions/47362123/is-there-a-react-native-checkbox-example [15]), did not do so when run.</p> <pre> <CheckBox value={this.state.checked} onPress={() => this.setState({ checked: !this.state.checked })} />> </pre> <p>Reviewed the comments on the above example of which did not solve the issue. Ended up searching for the implementation of a react native elements checkbox and realised that the checkbox component only accepted certain parameters: https://snack.expo.io/@deivanai/react-native-element-checkbox [16]</p> <pre> <CheckBox checked={this.state.checked} onPress={()=>this.setState({ checked: !this.state.checked})} size = {34} checkedColor = {'#012060'} /> </pre> <p>Of which fixed the issue.</p> 
23/02/20	20:00 – 23:00	Creating a mockup of the word of the day screen (this will be removed later when the definition screen is added)	<p>Implemented the most important UI parts of the app first, so that edits can be made later as the app develops. Editing the home screen to add the word of the day, using the storyboard as inspiration (creating a large button with the brief text definition (not yet fetching the data from backend)), that navigates to a word of the day screen (this will later be the general word definition screen)).</p> 

			Text had been added to the word of the day screen as a mock-up, however, will need to be generalised once the definition screen is added and backend (firebase) is incorporated.
28/02/20	13:00 – 18:00	Adding audio using expo-av	<p>Continuing with the word of the day screen mockup, I made a start to adding audio to the screen so that when the user clicks on the sound icon, the word pronunciation would be played in English. Creating a sandbox expo project to test this in first before adding to the app later.</p> <p>First located a website of which allows open sourcing downloading of mp3 audio pronunciation of various English words. https://www.techvigil.com/tips-tricks/347/mp3-pronunciation-files/ [17]</p> <p>Downloaded the audio pronunciation of the chosen word ('nefarious') used in the word of the day mockup screen and imported this into the react native project.</p> <p>I was able to find Expo documentation on how to play audio in Expo projects so installed the expo dependencies needed. https://docs.expo.io/versions/latest/sdk/audio/ [18]</p> <p>And attempted to follow the documentation on loading and playing a sound object.</p> <pre>const soundObject = new Audio.Sound(); try { await soundObject.loadAsync(require('./assets/sounds/hello.mp3')); await soundObject.playAsync(); // Your sound is playing! } catch (error) { // An error occurred! }</pre> <p>However, had an unhandled promise rejection issue when I clicked on the sound icon/button and no sound was produced due to the sound object not being loaded:</p> <div> Warning encountered 1 time. ▼ Stacktrace Possible Unhandled Promise Rejection (id: 0): </div> <p>Found a related issue: https://github.com/expo/expo/issues/14619</p> <p>And tried different approaches of loading the audio from the comments such as setting the position of the audio and creating a separate async method to play audio.</p>

			<pre>playButtonPressed = async () => { if (this.sound !== null) { await this.sound.setPositionAsync(0); await this.sound.playAsync(); } }</pre> <p>Spent time fiddling with the statements, placing the loading statement in various areas of app.js. Eventually in placing the loading statement when app.js mounts, it gave the component enough time to play the audio pronunciation of the word.</p> <pre>componentDidMount() { try { soundObject.loadAsync(require("../assets/audio/nefarious.mp3")); } catch (error) { console.log("An error occurred loading audio") } }</pre>
01/03/20	13:00 – 17:00	Creating a search functionality	<p>Once I had a mockup of the word of day/word definition screen created, I moved onto one of the main key functionalities of the app; implementing search to get to the word definition screen.</p> <p>I was aware that implementing a search functionality is incredibly hard to accomplish in any application, therefore created another separate dummy/sandbox expo project in order to edit and test search in React Native.</p> <p>As I had the UI component of search, I wanted to utilise that to implement the search bar.</p> <p>At first, I looked for guidance on where to start through a web search and found that most results were on using a Flat list and a search function of a sort to display the search results.</p> <p>Found the following link which not only had a simple step by step process of implementing search in a class in react but also fetched JSON data by URL(which remembering from my experience in using Firebase was how data was fetched).</p> <p>https://www.freecodecamp.org/news/how-to-build-a-react-native-flatlist-with-realtime-searching-ability-81ad100f6699/ [20]</p> <p>Was able to successfully create the example from the above link in the sandbox project. This example allowed searching for contacts in a phone book, however I will be able to use this a guideline for implementing search within my own project.</p>

			
04/03/20	14:00 – 18:00	Setting up Google Firebase	<p>Continuing from creating the example contacts list in a sandbox project on 01/02/20, I will utilise this example to be able to adapt this for searching for word definitions. However, first needed to setup a new firebase project(with a real-time database) on my account for this app(I had previous experience with this, so it didn't take me long). When this was created, I then was able to import the WordNet package [21] of word definitions as a JSON script into the project. (Due to the enormity of word definitions reducing the performance of firebase and the app I unfortunately had to cut down the definitions to be just under 500).</p> <p>When this data was confirmed to be in the project (using the firebase console), I then added firebase dependencies and config to the sandbox project in order to test.</p> <p>https://docs.expo.io/versions/latest/guides/using-firebase/ [22]</p> <p>Swapping the URL and search parameters in the search class to fetch the firebase JSON script.</p> <pre>makeRemoteRequest = () => { const url = `https://wordlocator-app.firebaseio.com/.json`; this.setState({ loading: true }); }</pre> <p>After refreshing, the expo project was successful in fetching and displaying the data from firebase in a Flatlist. Also, tested the functionality of the search function in the class and was overjoyed to see that it still worked.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p>As I was happy with the search functionality, I decided to move back to my original react native expo project to implement the search functionality again however make tweaks to the UI display.</p>

06/03/20	13:00 – 20:00	Finding the Navigation Issue	<p>I realised that upon returning to my original project and creating a react class for the search functionality, that I had implemented mobile screens through functions in App.js, and not classes up to this point as given by react navigation examples: https://reactnavigation.org/docs/hello-react-navigation [23]</p> <p>Therefore, wasn't sure on how to be able to access the react navigation prop in another class, and had to figure a way round it.</p> <div data-bbox="587 501 1303 595" data-label="Text"> <p>Can't find variable: navigate</p> </div> <p>Tried using 'use navigation' (https://reactnavigation.org/docs/use-navigation/ [24]) to pass navigation prop to the class, but kept getting the above issue on expo during run.</p> <p>I attempted searching for alternatives like importing the search screen/function from App.js , trying the following link examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://stackoverflow.com/questions/43648440/how-to-call-a-function-from-another-class-in-react-native [25] • https://stackoverflow.com/questions/53128479/react-native-importing-function-from-another-file [26] <p>Then encountered a different issue:</p> <div data-bbox="587 1079 1251 1420" data-label="Text"> <p>Invariant Violation: Invalid hook call. Hooks can only be called inside of the body of a function component. This could happen for one of the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You might have mismatching versions of React and the renderer (such as React DOM) 2. You might be breaking the Rules of Hooks 3. You might have more than one copy of React in the same app <p>See https://fb.me/react-invalid-hook-call for tips about how to debug and fix this problem.</p> </div> <p>And upon searching the issue, realised that I couldn't pass the navigation prop to the class as a nested function because of it being an invalid hook call in react. https://stackoverflow.com/questions/59701558/react-native-invalid-hook-call [27]</p> <p>Upon several hours of trying to fix the issue, I decided that I would just try and find an alternative way to navigate between screens using classes instead of functions another day.</p>
08/03/20	13:00 – 19:00	Solving the navigation issue	<p>Due to the inability of using the navigation prop in separate classes, I decided to find an alternative solution. Searching to see how other developers have approached this issue. Most of the search links I came across involved defining the stack navigator in the following format:</p>

```
const AppNavigator = createStackNavigator({
  Home: {
    screen: HomeScreen
  },
  About: {
    screen: AboutScreen
  }
});
```

Rather than how I approached it as stated on the react navigation website:

```
function App() {
  return (
    <NavigationContainer>
      <Stack.Navigator>
        <Stack.Screen name="Home" component={HomeScreen} />
      </Stack.Navigator>
    </NavigationContainer>
  );
}
```

So, I decided to test this in my project by following a basic tutorial: <https://blog.logrocket.com/navigating-react-native-apps-using-react-navigation/> [28]

and received the following issue:




Error: Creating a navigator doesn't take an argument. Maybe you are trying to use React Navigation 4 API with React Navigation 5? See <https://reactnavigation.org/docs/en/hello-react-navigation.html> for usage guide.

Realizing that I was trying to use a react navigation 4.0 navigator instead of 5.0 (current version which I was using). Unfortunately, upon searching I couldn't seem to find any alternatives to using a navigator in react to navigate different classes, so decided to try and bump down the version of the react navigation package:

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/51306148/how-to-downgrade-react-native-from-0-56-0-to-0-55-4-version> [29]

This finally fixed the issue and I was able to navigate between classes; however, this now will be cost of now having to migrate all the separate functions/screens already implemented into new React classes.

13/03/20	14:00 – 18:00	Migrating functions to classes	This is continuing from where I left off with restructuring the navigation of my app by migrating screens from functions in app.js to classes.
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14/03/20	13:00 – 16:00	Changing styling in search screen	 <p>Once all screens were migrated from functions in app.js to separate classes, I then returned to the search screen and finished implementation of the search screen, including styling.</p>
21/03/20	13:00 – 19:00	Creating the definition screen	<p>After the completion of the search screen, I started to create the actual definition screen template (using the word of the day screen UI as a starting point) of which allows users to view different word definitions. Figuring out how to pass the selected word name, definition and pronunciation (from firebase) to the definition page when clicked on the search screen.</p> <p>Luckily react navigation had a way to pass parameters between classes: https://reactnavigation.org/docs/params [30]</p> <pre>renderItem={({ item }) => (<ListItem button onPress={() => this.props.navigation.navigate('Definition', { title: item.definition.name, definition: item.definition.description, pronunciation: item.definition.pronunciation, }} />)</pre> <p>Was able to test this and found it did indeed pass the selected word data to the definition screen, so passed the rest of the data and styled the screen from there.</p> <div>   </div> <p>Had a few issues with button placement of similar words as I wanted to style the buttons to be side by side. After searching and trying a couple of solutions was able to find a solution that was correct: https://stackoverflow.com/questions/42864827/two-buttons-with-equal-width-horizontally-fill-the-screen-in-react-native/42881304 [31]</p>

22/03/20	20:00 – 23:00	Fixing the word of the day (+ home screen)	After completing the search and definition screen, I was able to revisit the word of the day mockup screen/class and remove this from the project, then re-implement the word of the day functionality within the home screen class (based off the definition screen) to randomly choose a item/word in firebase and display the definition (a shorter version) on the home screen.
04/04/20	11:00 – 18:00	Fixing the audio on different word definitions.	<p>Upon starting the app, I doubled checked the search functionality on various words and it seemed to display correctly, however upon clicking the sound icon/button came up with the following issue on the path of the audio:</p> <p>Unhandled JS Exception: Can't find variable:</p> <p>The audio path was passed as a parameter to the definition screen similar to the other parameters, and was programmed in a similar way as on the word of the day screen on the definition screen.</p> <pre><ListItem button onPress={() => this.props.navigation.navigate('Definition', { title: item.definition.name, definition: item.definition.description, pronunciation: item.definition.pronunciation, action: item.definition.action, example: item.definition.example, otherdefinition: item.definition.otherdescription, otherexample: item.definition.otherexample, firstrelatedword: item.definition.firstrelatedword, secondrelatedword: item.definition.secondrelatedword, thirdrelatedword: item.definition.thirdrelatedword, fourthrelatedword: item.definition.fourthrelatedword, audiopath: item.definition.audiopath })}</pre> <p>The only difference I spotted was that the path was being passed as a parameter to the class instead of being hard coded, so tried a hard coded path and this fixed the issue. I didn't understand why this was an issue so searched for the cause: https://github.com/expo/expo/issues/4332 [32]</p> <p>and found out that I couldn't dynamically pass the audio path using require(""). So manually moved the audio paths from firebase into the project as constants in constants.js and referenced this in the definition screen class.</p> <pre>getAudio = (name) => { return AUDIO[name]; };</pre> <p>After fixing the above issue, I tested that the audio was working when visiting different words, however for some reason it was replaying the word pronunciation of the first word pronunciation clicked on when the app started. I restarted the app and it still had the same issue.</p> <p>Looking at the documentation, I was able to find out why very easily and understood that I didn't unload the audio when leaving the screen of a word definition (i.e. unmounting), so it kept replaying.</p> <p>https://docs.expo.io/versions/latest/sdk/audio/ [18]</p> <pre>componentWillUnmount() { soundObject.unloadAsync(); }</pre>

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