

RMUG 4/1/2020	Doug Cairn's Favorite iPhone Apps				
Category	Use it for	App	Killer feature	Caveats	Cost
Entertainment	Browse. Kill time. Laugh out loud!	TikTok	So much variety: dancing, pranks, pets, surfing, workouts, etc. As you watch some, you see more like that. Engaging music. Save to your phone to play later	You can waste a lot of time with this app.	Free
Entertainment	Watch movies on the plane	Netflix	Works great. Easy. Lots of original and international content. Ability to download for watching off-line.	Some shows won't play in certain countries due to legal restrictions, even if downloaded.	\$8.99, \$12.99, or \$15.99/month
Entertainment	Watch movies "free" on the plane or anywhere	Amazon's Prime Video	Prime Video is included in Amazon Prime (their free shipping program), so it's "free." Works on Apple TV	Similar limitations like Netflix may apply	Included with Amazon Prime membership, \$119/year
Entertainment	Play bridge versus the computer	iBridge	Clean layout. Online or offline. Hints and explanations	Some explanations are cryptic	Costs a few bucks for lifetime
Entertainment	Play bridge with others	Bridge Base Online	38,000 people playing at once?! Wow	I'm just learning the app	Free with some optional pay features
Personal Finance	Keep track of financial accounts, net worth, expenses, income, and retirement forecast	Personal Capital	Free. No outside ads. Unrivaled connectivity. Excellent design	They would like to manage your money using their highly automated system. That said, you can say no thanks	Free
Health	Lose weight. Track your weight. See how healthy any food item is.	My Fitness Pal	You can tell it what you weigh, what you want to weigh by when. It will give you a calorie allowance per day with extra credit for actual exercise. Track what you eat. Know your limit every day. Lose weight! Bar code reader makes data capture easy. Millions of food items	You need to be patient to input everything. But if you do it for a few weeks, you'll learn a lot and won't need to track after that	Most features are free. Nutrition tracking costs \$50/year
Music	Listen to music	Pandora	Many enjoyable "stations." \$4.99/mo gives a lot: Ad-free personalized stations. Unlimited skips. Offline listening.	It seems superfluous to pay for Pandora and Apple Music, but I like both	Free with ads. Ad free is \$4.99, or \$14.99/month family plan.
Music	Listen to music	Apple Music	Can't think of a killer feature other than it's so tightly integrated with iOS, Siri, Apple Watch, etc.	I'm paying \$14.99 for family plan but it seems overpriced	\$9.99 individual, \$14.99 family, \$4.99 student/month
Music	Listen to "music"	Ambient Sounds on the HomePod	Great to mask annoying sounds or unnerving quiet by playing sounds of Rain, Stream, Fireplace, Forest, Night, Ocean, or White Noise.	Works on HomePod only. Alexa and Google can do similar	Free
Nature, Outdoors	Which way is North?	Compass	Easy to access. Works on iPhone or newest Apple Watch	Might not work in some places	You already have it
Nature, Outdoors	Identify plants and animals	Seek	Snap a photo, see the species and read the Wikipedia article. Create your own collection	Limited to plants and animals	Free
Nature, Outdoors, or Anywhere!	Identify anything	Google Lens	It's right there in the search box of the Google app. Uncannily smart. Finds nearly anything	None	Free
News	News	Flipboard	Consistent, clean layout. Easy to read. Personalize the content by topic or source. Choose "less or more like this", "mute source" etc	Doesn't work offline. Advertisements	Free
News	Read up on local news	LA Times app	Attractive layout. In-depth local & national articles. Original content. Supports "local" press	It should be easier to move from article to article	Five free articles each month. Or Unlimited access for \$7.99/month
News	News and entertainment	Podcasts	Subscribe to the podcasts you love. Listen online or offline. Get hooked!	You'll wish you had more time to listen. But just play back at 1.25 or 1.5x speed!	You already have it
Photography	Remove annoying people and signs from photos	Photoshop Fix	Make anything disappear	None	Free
Photography	Slide show	Photo slideshow on phone	Easy to launch and customize. More entertaining than just flipping through the photos. Fun on the plane	Takes some getting used to	You already have it
Photography	Find specific photos	Google & Apple photo search	Search by location, year, or very specific things: Schnauzer in the snow. Car bumpers.	None	You already have it
Photography	Fun face swap	Face Swap Lite	Swap faces with your partner!	You and your partner need a sense of humor!	Free
Travel	Translate	Google Translate or Microsoft Translate	Translate a museum plaque, sign, menu, etc. Or talk to it and it translates what you say or the other guy replies.	I haven't really mastered them, but they've been handy in museums and taxis	Free

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Travel	Navigation	Apple Maps	New apple features: stop lights! Better spoken instructions. Flyover. Clean, simple look		Free
Utilities	Read tiny text and serial numbers	Magnifier	Turn on in Settings/Accessibility. Triple click to access it.		You already have it
Utilities	Create a spreadsheet in the cloud for yourself or to share	Google Sheets (or Apple Numbers?)	Share the spreadsheet with anyone and access it from any device anywhere. Team schedules, mileage, lists, etc.	Learning how to edit a spreadsheet on a small iPhone takes a while.	Free