Epic and Oxford Owl alternatives for UK families

Ages are drawn on one scale, from 2 to 13. The list is in no order of merit, and Litsee, which we make, is last.

APP	AGES (BAR: 2 TO 13)	UK PRICE	FREE OPTION	WHAT YOUR CHILD DOES	DEVICES
Epic	Rated 4+ (no age range stated)	**£79.99 a year**	**No** Trial: 7 days (Epic Family)	Reads from a big library	iPhone, iPad, Apple TV
Oxford Owl	3–11	**Free**	**Yes**	Reads eBooks at their school level	Browser; tablet-friendly
Library apps	All ages	**Free with a library card**	**Yes**	Borrows library ebooks and audiobooks	Phones, tablets; Libby also on the web
Reading Eggs	2–13	**£6.99 a month** read 4 Nov; check the site	**No** Trial: 30 days free on monthly plans, plus a 30-day money-back guarantee	Follows reading lessons and games	Desktops and tablets
Teach Your Monster	Early readers (no age range stated)	**Free on computers** app £8.99 one-off	**Yes** every game is free on computers	Plays phonics and reading games	Computers; iOS, Android, Amazon apps
Night Zookeeper	6–12	**£11.99 a month** read 4 Nov; check the site	**No** Trial: 7 days	Writes stories, poems and reports	Browser; iPad and iPhone app
Litsee OURS	5–11	**£4.99 a month**	**No** Trial: 7 days; a card is needed to start it	Chooses what happens next in a story	Browser on phones, tablets, computers

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