**Pomodoro – Quick Tips**

**Description:** Pomodoro is an iOS/Android App that organizes assignments, coordinates studying times, and keeps track of learning progress with an interactive graphing system.

**Benefitted Learners:** Aural

**Cost:** Free ($1.99 additional purchases available)

**Website:** [http://pomodorotechnique.com/](http://pomodorotechnique.com/)

- [iTunes](https://itunes.apple.com)
- [Google Play](https://play.google.com)

**Using Pomodoro**
- [How Pomodoro Works](https://pomodorotechnique.com)
- [Video Introduction](https://pomodorotechnique.com) (to iPhone)

**Basic Introduction**
After creating an account, add anticipated tasks for upcoming classes: This includes homework, quizzes, tests, papers, etc.

- In the bottom left corner, click the icon resembling lined paper, and add tasks using the 'plus' sign in the top left.
- After you have a few tasks listed, click on the one you’d like to start first. A play button will appear in the highlighted row. Clicking this button will begin a pomodoro round.
- The screen will immediately change to the timer, which is red during work times and green during breaks.

Use the settings section—symbolized by a ‘gear’ icon—to change the amount of time each pomodoro session lasts. You can also change the length of breaks and the alerts that sound at the end of sessions.

- Over time, these sessions are tracked by clicking the graph icon (in between the timer and settings sections).

**Features of Pomodoro**

**Task Outlines**
- Tasks are tracked and the app automatically lets you know how many sessions have been dedicated to each task. When the task is completed, it's moved into the 'Done' section.

**Organization**
- Pomodoro not only organizes tasks into 'To Do' and 'Done' but also keeps track of pomodoro sessions on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. This aids discerning what tasks take more sessions, as well as what days you get more (or less) work done.

**Alerts**
- For those learners who appreciate reward-based studying techniques, the Pomodoro alerts that signal the end of sessions benefit students immensely. The alert initiates a break time (the length of which you set), and prevents distraction from the task(s) at hand.

**Possible Limitations**
- Pomodoro is simple to use, but aside from time management, the app does not offer the ability to attach your tasks to a particular class, or keep track of your semester overall. Pairing the app with an organizational app like Quizlet might help in making your studying experience more comprehensive.

**Additional Resources**
- [TeamViz (Recommended pairing with Pomodoro)](https://teamviz.com)
- Quizlet

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