

Privacy Policy

Pigly

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The short version

Nothing you write in Pigly ever leaves your device. Not a word you add, not a translation, not an example sentence, not the name of a collection or of a file you imported, not an answer you typed. That is not a policy we could change our minds about quietly: the app has no way of sending any of it, because the only things it can send are counts and fixed labels from a list you can read in full below.

Your vocabulary lives in a database on your device and goes nowhere unless you switch on iCloud sync, in which case it goes to **your own** iCloud account, which we cannot read.

Two things the app does send, and **both are on when you install it**:

- **Crash reports** — what failed, on what kind of device, in which build.
- **Usage measurement** — that a word was added, that a session finished, which screen was opened. Never what was on it.

We do not interrupt you to ask, so we say it here instead: both are on now. Each is a separate switch in Settings and either can be turned off at any time, permanently, in one tap. There is no account, no advertising, no tracking across apps or websites, and nothing is sold to anyone.

Who is responsible

Pigly is made and published by its developer, referred to below as "we" or "the developer". There is no company behind it and no third party it answers to.

Contact: fancymobappts@gmail.com

What data the app handles, and where it stays

Everything you put into Pigly — the words you add, their meanings, examples, collections, your answers and the review schedule built from them — is stored in a SQLite database inside the app's own container on your device. Nothing in that database is transmitted to us. We have no means of reading it.

The app also ships read-only language packs (dictionaries and example sentences). They are content we distribute to you; they carry no information about you.

What we collect

Two narrow things, described in full below, and nothing else. Turning both switches off returns the app to sending nothing at all: it then makes no request of the reporting service whatsoever, not a registration and not a ping.

What the app never collects, with either switch on or off:

- No account, sign-up or email address.
- No advertising, advertising identifier or tracking across apps or websites. The app never asks for tracking permission because it never tracks.
- No contacts, photos, location, microphone or camera access — the app requests none of these permissions.
- **Nothing you wrote.** No word, meaning, example, note, collection name, search, imported or exported file name, or typed answer. Nor any hash, fragment, length or sample of one.

Crash reports (on unless you turn them off)

We receive a report when the app fails: the point in our code where it failed, the kind of device, the version of iOS, the build of Pigly, and four fixed facts about where you were — which screen was in front, whether a study session was in progress, which language is selected, and whether iCloud sync is on.

That is the whole list. A crash that happens while a sentence is on screen does not carry the sentence.

Usage measurement (on unless you turn it off)

We receive a record of certain acts. Not a stream of everything you do — seven kinds of event, each with a fixed name and fixed values:

word_captured

What it says: A word was added, and by which route (typed, pasted, shared, from a lookup, from the widget)

session_finished

What it says: A study session ended, roughly how many answers it carried, and whether it was completed, abandoned or interrupted

language_changed

What it says: A language was installed or given back, and which of the

languages we ship it was

pack_fetch

What it says: A dictionary download succeeded, failed or was cancelled

file_handled

What it says: A vocabulary was imported or exported, and whether it worked

switch_moved

What it says: A switch in Settings was moved, which one, and which way

screen_opened

What it says: One of the app's screens was opened, and which

Counts are banded before they are sent — "6 to 20 answers", never "eleven" — so that a number cannot become a way of recognising you.

Google assigns your installation an identifier so that two reports from the same install can be recognised as such. It is not your name, not your Apple Account, and not shared with any other app. Deleting Pigly discards it.

Who receives it, and where

Crash reporting and usage measurement are provided by **Firebase Crashlytics** and **Firebase Analytics**, which are services of **Google LLC**. Google processes this data on our behalf, on servers that include servers in the United States, under Google's terms for those services and their standard contractual clauses for transfers out of the European Economic Area.

- Google's privacy policy: <https://policies.google.com/privacy>
- How Firebase handles data: <https://firebase.google.com/support/privacy>

We use the data to find crashes and to understand which parts of the app are used. It is not sold, not shared with anyone else, not used for advertising, and not combined with data from any other source. We keep Firebase Analytics data for the shortest retention Google offers.

If you are in the EU or the UK, we rely on our **legitimate interest** in keeping the app working and in knowing which parts of it are used — balanced against the narrowness of what is collected, which contains nothing you wrote and nothing that could identify you by its content. You may object to either at any time, and the switch in your device's Settings is how: it takes effect immediately and needs no request to us.

Switching off stops collection from that moment. It does not reach back and remove what was already sent, and we say so beside the switch rather

than implying otherwise.

Turning either of them off

Open your device's Settings, scroll to Pigly, and you will find both switches there with this same explanation beside each of them. They are in the system's own settings rather than inside the app, which is where iOS keeps the settings of every app installed on it.

Each switch stands on its own — turning measurement off leaves crash reporting alone, and the reverse — and turning one off stops that collection immediately, for the rest of that run and every run afterwards, with no restart and no reinstall. You do not have to close the app first; it notices.

Turning both off returns the app to sending nothing.

The rest of the app is not involved

The share extension, the widgets and the background downloader do not report at all, in any configuration. Only the app itself does, and only while a person is using it.

iCloud sync — optional, and yours

Pigly can keep your vocabulary the same across the devices you own. This is **off on a fresh install** and stays off until you turn it on in Settings. Until then, nothing is written to iCloud and no iCloud account is queried.

When you turn it on:

- Your words, meanings, collections, review history and schedule are written to the **private database of your own iCloud account**, using Apple's CloudKit.
- The developer has no access to that database. Apple's design places it under your Apple Account; we cannot read it, list it, or recover it for you.
- The developer operates no server. There is no copy of your vocabulary anywhere we control — the only thing we ever receive is the crash and usage data described above, and your words are not in it.
- Apple's handling of iCloud data is governed by Apple's Privacy Policy.
- The app requests silent push notifications so that a device can learn another device has written. These are invisible, show you nothing, and carry no content of yours.

Turning sync off stops further synchronising. The copy in iCloud is a way for your devices to reach each other and is never the only place your

vocabulary lives — the database on the device remains complete and usable on its own.

Apple system features the app uses on your device

These run on your device through Apple frameworks. We receive nothing from them.

Pronunciation

Framework: AVSpeechSynthesizer · What it does: Speaks a word aloud

Word forms

Framework: NaturalLanguage · What it does: Reduces a typed form to a headword

Translate a word

Framework: Translation · What it does: Translates on your explicit press only

Optional enrichment

Framework: Foundation Models · What it does: Suggests an example sentence, when the device supports it

Apple's Translation framework may need to download language models from Apple, and Apple's on-device model runs under Apple's terms. Any processing those frameworks perform is governed by Apple's Privacy Policy, not this one. Nothing is translated or generated unless you ask for it: the app never bulk-translates in the background.

Sharing into the app

Pigly includes a share extension, so you can send a word to it from another app. The text you share is written into your vocabulary on your device, exactly as if you had typed it. It is not transmitted anywhere.

Import and export

You can export your whole vocabulary to a JSON file, and import one back. The app also reads spreadsheets and decks exported from other flashcard apps as text. Those files are created and read where you choose to put them, through the system's own file interface. We never see them.

Export exists so that your data is never trapped in this app. It is available to everyone, always, and is not conditional on anything.

Purchase

Pigly is a paid application, bought once from the App Store. Apple

processes the purchase. We receive no payment details, no name, no email address and no device identifier — only aggregate sales and download reports from Apple, which do not identify anyone.

There are no in-app purchases, no subscriptions and no advertising.

Children

The app shows no advertising, contains no third-party content, requests no permissions, and asks for no personal information from anyone, at any age.

Crash reporting and usage measurement are on by default and neither collects anything a person wrote — no word, sentence, name or answer, at any age. Both can be switched off in Settings. Pigly is not directed at children and is not offered in the App Store's children's category.

Your rights

Data-protection law (GDPR in the EU, and comparable laws elsewhere) gives you rights of access, correction, deletion and portability over personal data held about you.

Almost everything Pigly knows about you is on your device and never reaches us:

- **Access and portability** — your vocabulary is on your device, and the app exports all of it at any time in an open format.
- **Deletion** — deleting the app deletes its database. If you used iCloud sync, turning the switch off offers to remove the copy in iCloud, and iCloud storage is managed from your device's Settings under your Apple Account.

For the crash and usage data, if you ever turned either switch on:

- **Objecting** — turn the switch off. Collection stops at once, and you do not have to ask us for anything.
- **Access and deletion** — write to fancymobappts@gmail.com and we will tell you exactly what the categories above mean in practice. We have to be straight with you about the limit, though: we hold no name, no email address and no account for you, and the app does not show you any identifier either. So there is nothing you can give us that would let us pick your records out from everyone else's, and nothing we could confirm was yours if you did. This is the position Article 11 of the GDPR describes — where a controller cannot identify the person, the rights of access and erasure cannot be exercised against individual records, and the controller has to say so rather than pretend otherwise. What you

can do instead is absolute and needs nobody's permission: turn the switches off, and nothing further is collected at all.

- **Objection and complaint** — you may object to this processing, and you may complain to your national data-protection authority.

Changes to this policy

If the app ever changes what it does with data, this policy will be updated before that change ships, and the effective date above will change with it. The version in effect for a release is the one published at <https://smartaspigly.web.app/legal/privacy.pdf>.

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