AI – the risks and benefits worksheet

Task 2: Read and discuss: the risks and benefits of AI

Read the sentences and decide whether they are benefits or risks.

1. AI and automation will lead to huge job losses in many industries, unemployment will go up and this will increase poverty around the world.

2. An increase in AI-based surveillance systems will lead to a loss of personal privacy and freedoms.

3. AI will improve healthcare by providing early diagnosis and personalised treatment plans at greatly reduced cost.

4. AI will be designed to follow ethical frameworks that reduce human biases and make decisions that are based on the greater good for more people.

5. Cheap open-source AI solutions will give more people access to powerful technology, leading to global development and reduced inequalities.

6. AI will become a powerful tool for artists and enhance their creativity and help them offer new forms of expression.

7. A few super-rich tech companies will own all AI products. These companies will become so powerful they will control countries and governments.

8. AI-generated photos or videos will be able to take a person's image and create false content that appears to show the person doing or saying something they have never actually done.

Task 4: Using AI to improve your English

Here are some suggestions for using AI to develop your English language skills. Read them and decide with a partner which you would be most likely to try.

1. Download a voice plugin or use AI on a phone so that you can have a conversation with AI. Then you can ask it to help you improve your speaking.

2. Use AI as a role-play partner to practise speaking in different situations.

3. Ask AI to create exercises and tasks you can do for homework. Then ask it to correct the tasks for you.

4. Ask the AI to give examples of vocabulary or grammar points being used in conversations or text.

5. Ask AI to create a word list with definitions or translations that you can use when you want to read a text.

6. Get AI to create audio examples of words and sentences to help you remember pronunciation.

7. Ask AI to test you on grammar or topics you have been learning about.

8. Get AI to create comprehension questions to test your knowledge of a text you have read.

9. Ask AI to give you feedback on your written work and tell you how to improve it.

10. Tell AI what you want to achieve and ask it to create a study plan to help you achieve your goal.

AI prompts

Use these prompts and suggestions to help with your English language learning.

1. You can go to Google and search for 'voice plugins' for your favourite AI chatbot.

2. Use this prompt to get AI to become your role-play partner. You can edit the template to change the role play.

    Prompt template:
    'We will role play together. You will act as a {AI's role} in {place/context}. I will be {Student's role}.
    Follow these rules:
    {add any rules you want ChatGPT to follow}
    Use English suitable for CEFR level {add CEFR level}
    Wait for me to reply before continuing
    If you understand, then introduce yourself as {name of AI} and {how AI should start the conversation}.'

    Example prompt:
    We will role play together. You will act as a waiter in a restaurant. I will be a customer.
    Follow these rules:
    Be polite
    Be concise
    Take turns to speak
    Use English suitable for CEFR B1
    Wait for me to reply before continuing
    If you understand, then introduce yourself as Sam and ask how you can help.

3. Use this prompt to get AI to create some homework tasks for you.
    'Act as my English language teacher. I will tell you what I want to study, and you will create activities to check and develop my knowledge. If you understand, reply with "I'm ready".'

4. Use this prompt to get AI to give examples of vocabulary or grammar points being used in conversations or text.
    'Please create a short realistic dialogue. Include the following {vocabulary or grammar point}.'

5. Use this prompt to create a word list with definitions of the words.
    'Analyse this text and create a glossary of the most difficult words. Format the glossary with three columns. Column 1 words. Column 2 definitions. Column 3 a translation into {my language}. This is the text I would like you to analyse {copy and paste the text here}.'

6. Go to Google and search for an AI tool that will create audio for free.

7. Use this prompt to get AI to test you on a grammar point or topic.
    'Create a test for me to test my knowledge of {grammar point or topic}. Design the test at level {add the CEFR level that you are aiming towards}. Include ten questions. Ask me one question and wait for the answer before asking the next question. Give me feedback at the end of the test.'

8. Use this prompt to create comprehension questions about a text you have read.
    'Please use the following text to create {add the number of questions} comprehension questions. Don't include the answers. I will upload the answers once I finish. Here is the text: {paste in the text}.'

9. Use this prompt to get feedback on your written work.

'Please evaluate my text. The text is {describe the type of text and who the text was written for}. Identify any errors and suggest up to {number} ways I can improve it. Here is my text: {paste in your text}.'

10. Use this prompt to get AI to create a study plan for you.
    'Please create a study plan for me. My goal is {describe your goal}. I'd like to achieve my goal in {add a period of time}.'