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A free AI chatbot that went **viral** has now announced a subscription plan. To begin with, ChatGPT has been free since it was publicly released, but now a premium plan labelled ChatGPT Plus is being trialled. Subsequently, for \$20 a month the subscription will give users priority access during **peak** usage hours. The AI chatbot gives convincingly written answers after **prompting** it with questions. Despite being widely embraced by the public, access to ChatGPT at busy times has had **reliability** problems. Whilst **complementing** the free version with ChatGPT Plus, its owner company OpenAI hope to reduce the service's unreliability. Furthermore, OpenAI have announced another tool called an "AI text classifier" that can help to **determine** if a text was written by a chatbot. Institutional centres such as universities have admittedly **disclosed** that students are using ChatGPT to **draft** essays. As a result, this has **urged** them to rethink how exams and testing are assessed. However, researchers at OpenAI have called its classifier tool "**imperfect**" and said that it is "impossible to reliably **detect** all AI-written text". For instance, it has a high degree of **inaccuracy**, detecting only 26% of AI-written texts. Clearly the success of the AI chatbot, coupled with the **limitations** of recognizing AI-produced texts, will continue to spark concern in educational institutions.

Q1. _____

Which is worse for you – paying for a subscription or a free subscription with adverts?

What are some positives and negatives about using a chatbot to write or help write your work?

Q2. _____

Which bolded words in the text mean: *write - offering - instantly popular - highest - find*

Q3. _____

"widely *embraced* by the public"

What does the italicised word above mean: *withheld - pushed away - welcomed?*

Q4. _____

Comprehension true or false:

1. The free version of ChatGPT is closing down.
2. ChatGPT is unreliable when it is busy.
3. OpenAI is a competitor to ChatGPT
4. Universities will use chatbots to check for plagiarism.
5. 26% of essays are written using chatbots.

Q5. _____

Link the five synonym pairs:

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. urge | A. name |
| 2. label | B. suggest |
| 3. determine | C. error |
| 4. prompt | D. figure out |
| 5. inaccuracy | E. warn |

Q6. _____

Spell the words correctly:

since it was **u y l b i p l c** released

e i t d e r m e n if a text was written by a chatbot

using ChatGPT to **a r f t d** essays

Q7. _____

Discussion questions / Writing practice:

How could you use a chatbot to improve your English?

Can AI ever replace a real human teacher?

Can you name and talk about an AI robot character from a book, film, or TV show?

What are your top three apps right now?

How close will AI get to being "alive"?

Q8. _____

10 revision C1 keywords: underlined in text.