

ChatGPT goes viral and subsequently gets subscription

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Warm-up activities

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?

Starting with the word *chat*, in a pair or a group take turns saying a word associated to the word just said. If someone can't say an associated word, they are out. Keep going until there is one winner. (Example: "chat... gossip... share... give... take...")

Scan the text and find a word or phrase that means:

- *instantly popular* (paragraph 1) v...
- *highest* (paragraph 1) p...
- *offering* (paragraph 2) p...
- *write* (paragraph 3) d...
- *find* (paragraph 4) d...

What does the italicised word below mean – *withheld*, *pushed away*, or *welcomed*?

- widely *embraced* by the public

Comprehension true or false

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|---|-------|
| 1. ChatGPT Plus is a computer antivirus software app. | T / F |
| 2. The free version of ChatGPT is closing down. | T / F |
| 3. Work produced by ChatGPT is almost human-like. | T / F |
| 4. ChatGPT is unreliable when it is busy. | T / F |
| 5. OpenAI is a competitor to ChatGPT. | T / F |
| 6. An AI text classifier can tell if a text is AI produced. | T / F |
| 7. Universities will use chatbots to check for plagiarism. | T / F |
| 8. Classifier tools are still far from perfect. | T / F |
| 9. 26% of essays are written using chatbots. | T / F |
| 10. Educational institutions are worried about AI. | T / F |

Match-up phrases, synonyms, antonyms

Match the words on the left to their endings to make phrases from the text.

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|----------------|------------------|
| 1. publicly | A. with |
| 2. reliability | B. concern |
| 3. went | C. chatbot |
| 4. AI | D. released |
| 5. spark | E. essays |
| 6. high degree | F. usage hours |
| 7. to begin | G. problems |
| 8. educational | H. viral |
| 9. peak | I. institutions |
| 10. draft | J. of inaccuracy |

Match the words on the left from the text to their synonyms.

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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 |

Match the words on the left from the text to their antonyms.

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| 1. peak | A. private |
| 2. disclose | B. hide |
| 3. public | C. low |

Grammar pairs: linking adverbials

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| 1. A. Clearly / B. To begin with | 6. A. admittedly / B. for instance |
| 2. A. Whilst / B. Subsequently | 7. A. However / B. As a result |
| 3. A. Despite / B. Furthermore | 8. A. However / B. Despite |
| 4. A. Admittedly / B. Whilst | 9. A. For instance / B. Subsequently |
| 5. A. Furthermore / B. To begin with | 10. A. As a result / B. Clearly |

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Missing vocabulary

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| A. limitations | F. determine |
| B. complementing | G. prompting |
| C. disclosed | H. urged |
| D. reliability | I. imperfect |
| E. peak | J. inaccuracy |

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Spelling

Spell the words from the text correctly.

1. a free AI chatbot that went **r l v i a** v...
2. since it was **u y l b i p l c** released p...
3. after **o p i m p g r t n** it with questions p...
4. at busy times has had **l e a r y b i l i t i** problems r...
5. **e i t d e r m e n** if a text was written by a chatbot d...
6. **t n s t n i u t i o l i a** centres such as universities i..
7. using ChatGPT to **a r f t d** essays d...
8. this has **d r g u e** them to rethink u...
9. impossible to reliably **t d e c t e** d...
10. **t m i l t i a i n s o** of recognizing AI-produced texts l...

Fill-in first letters

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Cool-down activities

Discussion questions:

- 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”?

CEFR C1 10 keywords revision list:

complement determine disclose imperfect inaccuracy

limitation peak prompt reliability urge

Scattergories. In the table below, add one word to each box that matches both the beginning letter and the category, e.g. something free beginning with *C* is *charity*.

| | C | H | A | T |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Something free | | | | |
| An acronym | | | | |
| Something AI can control | | | | |
| Something you can read | | | | |
| A subject to study | | | | |

Answers

Page 2 Warm-up activities

instantly popular / viral

highest / peak

offering / prompting

write / draft

find / detect

embraced / welcomed

Page 3 Comprehension true or false

1F, 2F, 3T, 4T, 5F, 6T, 7F, 8T, 9F, 10T

Page 4 Match-up phrases, synonyms, antonyms

Phrases 1D, 2G, 3H, 4C, 5B, 6J, 7A, 8I, 9F, 10E

Synonyms 1E, 2A, 3D, 4B, 5C

Antonyms 1C, 2B, 3A

Page 5 Grammar pairs: linking adverbials

1B, 2B, 3A, 4B, 5A, 6A, 7B, 8A, 9A, 10B

Page 6 Missing vocabulary

1E, 2G, 3D, 4B, 5F, 6C, 7H, 8I, 9J, 10A

Page 7 Spelling

1. VIRAL 2. PUBLICLY 3. PROMPTING 4. RELIABILITY

5. DETERMINE 6. INSTITUTIONAL 7. DRAFT 8. URGED 9. DETECT

10. LIMITATIONS

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