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AI in the language classroom

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I have been actively using Chat GPT, Claude and Bard/Gemini for some time now and will share why they are amazing tools enhancing my students' results and decreasing the amount of time I spend preparing for classes. I use AI tools to create texts using particular vocabulary, as well as various types of tasks: gap fill, choosing headings, multiple choice questions, etc. AI tools are helpful in teaching registers, proverbs, idioms, poems. You can easily create games and role plays to promote fluency in your students, make tests and questionnaires, and my favourite part – brainstorming questions and topics for discussions, helping with broadening themes from textbooks. I think students are more engaged and motivated when using modern technologies in and outside the class and for me, as a teacher, they are a valuable supplement to traditional teaching methods. **Marta Demchyshyn**

The rise of artificial intelligence (AI) and its potential to reshape our future, as emphasized by influential figures like Steve Wozniak and Elon Musk, warrants careful consideration. This intervention explores AI's impact on language education, presenting new challenges and opportunities for stakeholders. Students increasingly use AI-based resources effortlessly, with employers expecting linguistic skills aligned with AI capabilities. While ministries and educational institutions acknowledge AI's positive impact, educators face significant challenges in rethinking teaching methods and addressing concerns about AI's role in language acquisition. Drawing from previous research on integrating online resources, AI's emergence is viewed as a natural progression. Just as electronic calculators simplified mathematics, AI-based text generation tools act as "linguistic calculators," offering instant solutions. Examples of AI activities and collaborative approaches will be proposed, highlighting AI's role as a valuable tool in promoting autonomy and competence. By understanding how AI integrates with traditional learning methods, educators can equip students with the skills needed to navigate an evolving linguistic landscape and succeed in a job market increasingly reliant on AI proficiency. **Cesare Zanca**

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