

Integrated Skills: Reading, Speaking and Writing

Title: _____

Date: _____

Student's name: _____



AI at School

Liam: Hey Maya, have you tried that new AI writing assistant for essays?

Maya: Oh, 'StudyBot'? Yes, I've used it a bit. It's impressive how fast it can create text. I used it for my history paper outline, and it gave me a good start.

Liam: I've heard that. I'm a bit unsure. It can save time and help with writer's block. Imagine starting a draft in minutes. It could really boost productivity.

Maya: Exactly! And it's not just for writing. My friend used an AI tool to understand complex physics concepts. It explained them simply, which was more helpful than the textbook.

Liam: I see. Personalized learning is a big plus. It adapts to your pace and gives targeted explanations. For research, it can quickly scan huge amounts of information, finding key sources and summaries. That saves students a lot of time.

Maya: But what about the negatives? I worry about becoming too dependent. If AI does the hard work, will our own critical thinking and writing skills develop?

Liam: That's my main worry. If students just copy AI text, they aren't truly learning. It skips the research, analysis, and synthesis steps, which are vital for academic growth. Plus, there's plagiarism. How do you know if the AI's work is original?

Maya: And its accuracy can be unreliable. I've seen AI content with factual errors or biased information. We need to verify everything.

Liam: Definitely. We must be the final judges of truth and quality. Another issue is the digital divide. Not everyone has equal access to advanced AI tools, which could create more inequality in education.

Maya: That's a good point. And the ethics? If AI grades essays, could it be biased? Or used for cheating?

Liam: The ethical issues are huge. We need clear rules for AI use in schools. It's a powerful tool, but it can be used for good or bad. We should use it to supplement, not replace, human learning and

creativity.

Maya: So, it's about balance. Using AI to improve learning and efficiency, but not letting it weaken our own abilities or academic integrity.

Liam: Precisely. It's a double-edged sword. We need to use its potential while knowing its limits and risks. Education must adapt, teaching students to use AI responsibly and critically.

Maya: I agree. It will be interesting to see how schools handle this. Thanks for discussing it, Liam. It's given me a lot to consider.

Liam: You too, Maya. It's a complex topic with no easy answers.

Vocabulary Practice

Complete each sentence with a word from the word bank.

Word bank: assistant | impressive | productivity | personalized | dependent | plagiarism

1. This new software can act as a helpful _____ for managing your daily tasks.
2. The student's final project was truly _____; it showed a lot of creativity and hard work.
3. Taking short breaks during study sessions can actually increase your overall _____.
4. The online course offers _____ feedback to help each student improve.
5. It's important not to become too _____ on technology for basic skills.
6. Submitting someone else's work as your own is considered _____ and has serious consequences.

Comprehension / Text Discussion

Answer the questions using information from the text (as per teacher instruction, this activity can be either completed in writing or performed orally).

1. What are some of the benefits of using AI writing assistants that Maya and Liam discuss?

2. Besides writing, what other academic area did Maya's friend use an AI tool for?

3. What is Maya's main concern about students becoming too dependent on AI?

4. What potential problem does Liam mention regarding the originality of AI-generated text?

5. According to Liam and Maya, what is the most important thing students should do when using AI for their schoolwork?

Writing Activity

Write a paragraph discussing the advantages and disadvantages of using AI writing assistants in education. Use at least four of the useful sentences below to help you.

Useful sentences:

1. It's impressive how fast AI can create text.
2. AI tools can save time and help with writer's block.
3. Personalized learning is a big plus with AI.
4. We worry about becoming too dependent on AI.
5. AI content can sometimes have factual errors or biased information.
6. We should use AI to supplement, not replace, human learning and creativity.
