

The Future of ChatGPT in Language Learning and Teaching

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ChatGPT is the new buzzword and even bugaboo in language education. Debuting in November 2022, ChatGPT 3.5 is already playing a significant role and will continue to shape language learning. After a brief history and a summary of the state of the art, I will share my collaboration with fellow teachers at Nagoya University of the Arts to integrate ChatGPT with The English Gym textbook, various Google Apps, and online resources such as Flippity. I'll provide specific examples of its application in communication, presentation, and reading classes across different proficiency levels and the "prompt engineering" we used to get there. I'll also discuss limitations, teachers' concerns, and necessary teaching adaptations to address students' access to these tools. Considering the future, I'll explore the possibilities of ChatGPT, Bard, Bing, and others, such as live interaction, individualized learning, and immediate personalized feedback, and my aim to acquire the computer skills to deal with some of the limitations of ChatGPT, including its inability to follow longer educational sequences. My ultimate goal in this presentation is for teachers to gain practical ideas and the confidence to implement and we move into our future in language education using ChatGPT.

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