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CHATGPT AS A TOOL FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS: BENEFITS, RISKS, AND PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

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Annotation: *Artificial intelligence tools like ChatGPT are transforming English language learning by offering fast, interactive, and personalized support to learners. These tools provide key benefits such as greater convenience, higher motivation, and faster progress, allowing students to study anytime and at their own pace. However, they also have important limitations, including lack of human interaction, risk of bias, privacy concerns, and the danger of over-reliance. Overall, while AI can make English learning more accessible and engaging, it should be used carefully alongside traditional teaching methods for balanced and effective results.*

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ChatGPT has significantly improved the teaching and learning of English by providing fast and effective solutions to various language challenges. It can understand, create, and edit natural language with remarkable accuracy and fluency. By offering learners an interactive and dynamic platform, ChatGPT helps them strengthen their overall language abilities. As English serves as the primary global language for communication and academic purposes, tools like ChatGPT play a vital role in modern education. These AI-powered language models can generate content, engage directly with users, and deliver instant feedback on language performance. As a result, English language education becomes more interactive, easily accessible, and motivating for students. Learners in English as a Second Language (ESL) programs often come from varied linguistic backgrounds and face numerous difficulties in mastering English. In this context, ChatGPT serves as a highly useful support tool for enhancing language education. The platform enables students to build essential skills across listening, reading, writing, and speaking. In today's rapidly changing educational environment, modern technological tools have become an integral part of language learning (Chun et al., 2016). Together with other artificial intelligence advancements, ChatGPT is expected to reshape the future of education and digital communication across many fields.

The interactive features of ChatGPT can strongly increase students' motivation and keep them actively involved in learning. Artificial intelligence tools make language learning easier and more convenient for people all over the world. This helps learners improve their second language skills faster and more effectively. AI language learning programs give students a



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learning experience that is personal, easy to use, interesting, and very efficient. Here are the main advantages:

➤ **Convenience:** AI is a flexible tool that students can use anytime and anywhere. There are no limits of time or place. This is especially good for students who have busy schedules or cannot attend regular classes easily. It is very helpful for people who live far away or do not have good access to normal language courses.

➤ **Engagement:** These tools help students stay interested and active. They are particularly useful for learners who often lose motivation while studying a language.

➤ **Efficiency:** AI programs let students learn at their own speed. They can focus on the difficult parts and make faster progress. This is ideal for people who do not have much time for study.

Recent research shows a clear trend: artificial intelligence tools are very effective for improving second language learning, especially vocabulary and speaking skills. These programs offer good personalization, flexibility, and interactive practice. They can be adjusted to fit each student's needs and goals. This is especially useful for learners who have specific aims or who find some parts of the language difficult.

However, some experts worry about the negative sides of using artificial intelligence in education. For example, it may cause job losses for teachers and reduce group work because there is no real person-to-person contact.

➤ **Lack of human interaction:** Students may miss the personal help and detailed feedback that only a real teacher can give.

➤ **Limited range of activities:** Although AI offers many exercises, it cannot always provide the same depth and variety as an experienced teacher.

➤ **Bias and unfair treatment:** AI systems can sometimes produce unfair or discriminatory results because they learn from data that may contain human biases. This can affect how fairly students are treated or assessed.

➤ **Privacy risks:** AI tools collect and use large amounts of personal data. If this data is not protected well, students' private information may be misused or leaked.

➤ **Over-reliance on AI and lack of emotional support:** Students may start depending too much on ChatGPT. They might stop thinking for themselves or practicing real conversations with other people, which can slow down their true progress in the long run. At the same time, the tool cannot give the encouragement, motivation, or personal care that a human teacher offers. This is especially difficult when students feel frustrated, make mistakes, or lose confidence in their English skills.

In short, AI language learning software offers personalized, convenient, interesting, and efficient learning. However, it also has some important limitations. Its success depends on each student's needs and goals. When choosing these tools, it is important to think about the lack of human contact, the smaller variety of activities, the need for technology, ethical questions,



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possible mistakes in answers, bias, privacy risks, and the danger of becoming too dependent on AI.

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