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HANDOUT

READING - NEW WAYS TO LEARN

STUDENTS USING A.I. OVER HUMANS TO LEARN ENGLISH

More and more students in Japan are using artificial intelligence (AI) to learn English and other languages. The language-learning app Duolingo conducted a survey on how students study languages. More than 4,700 Japanese students answered questions about their language-learning habits. The survey found that the number of people using ChatGPT and other AI tools increased by more than 80 percent in 2024. AI was particularly popular with younger people. The researchers said more young people used AI than took face-to-face lessons. However, some people in their 20s were not totally happy with AI lessons. They said AI lacked natural responses and was a little boring.

Duolingo said: "We're in the midst of an AI revolution. Technology has long had an impact on language learning." It found that apps were the most popular method in Japan to learn languages. English was the most studied language, followed by Korean. People are studying Korean "to understand the language as spoken by favourite artists and celebrities." Duolingo said around 58 percent of people who took the survey used language-learning apps. This was followed by video streaming platforms like YouTube and Netflix (37%), textbooks (36%) and online lessons (16%). The number of people going to a language school is decreasing. Just 13.8 percent of people went to classes with a teacher.

(*Source: Breakingnewsenglish*)

TASK 1: Reading the news and choose the correct answers (a,b,c, or d).

1. What is the main topic of the article?

    a. The decline of AI in education

    b. The increase in AI use for learning languages

    c. The rise of Japanese language schools

    d. The impact of music on language learning

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2. How many Japanese students participated in the survey?

a. Around 1,000

b. More than 2,500

c. Around 4,700

d. Over 10,000

3. What percentage of students in the survey used AI tools in 2024?

a. 50%

b. More than 80%

c. 20%

d. Less than 10%

4. Why did some students in their 20s dislike AI lessons?

a. AI was expensive

b. AI lacked natural responses

c. AI was too advanced for them

d. AI did not support multiple languages

5. Which language is the most studied in Japan, according to the survey?

a. Japanese

b. Chinese

c. English

d. Korean

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6. What is the second most popular language to learn in Japan?

a. Spanish

b. French

c. Chinese

d. Korean

7. Which method was used by 37% of respondents to learn languages?

a. Online lessons

b. Video streaming platforms

c. Traditional textbooks

d. AI-powered apps

8. What percentage of students still attended in-person language classes?

a. 58%

b. 37%

c. 16%

d. 13.8%

TASK 2: Read the news again and decide if each of the statements (1 – 5) is T (True) and F (False).

1. The article says many people are learning multiple languages. _____
2. The number of people using AI tools increased by 80% in 2024. _____
3. Young people are still preferring face-to-face lessons over AI. _____
4. People in their 20s loved the natural responses of AI lessons. _____
5. An app company said there was an AI revolution happening. _____

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