BREAKING NEWS 2

Students using A.I. over humans to learn English

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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 per cent 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 per cent 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 per cent of people went to classes with a teacher.

True / False

1) The article says many people are learning multiple languages. T / F
2) The number of people using AI tools increased by 80% in 2024. T / F
3) Young people are still preferring face-to-face lessons over AI. T / F
4) People in their 20s loved the natural responses of AI lessons. T / F
5) An app company said there was an AI revolution happening. T / F
6) The app company said people are studying Korean to understand artists. T / F
7) More people used video streaming than textbooks. T / F
8) Just over 20% of people in the survey had an English teacher. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

1.	**conducted**	a.	monotonous
2.	**habits**	b.	personalities
3.	**particularly**	c.	middle
4.	**totally**	d.	practices
5.	**boring**	e.	approach
6.	**midst**	f.	waning
7.	**impact**	g.	entirely
8.	**method**	h.	especially
9.	**celebrities**	i.	effect
10.	**decreasing**	j.	carried out

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Discussion – Student A

a) What do you think about what you read?

b) How has technology changed language learning?

c) What language would you like to study other than English?

d) What do you think of using YouTube to study English?

e) What are your English textbooks like?

f) What are your experiences of language schools?

g) Would you prefer to study with a teacher or ChatGPT?

h) What questions would you like to ask AI makers?

Discussion – Student B

a) What do you think of artificial intelligence?

b) How do you study English?

c) Who was the best teacher you ever had?

d) What do you think of studying with AI?

e) What do you think of face-to-face lessons?

f) Have you always been happy with your English lessons?

g) What do you think learning English using ChatGPT is like?

h) What advice do you have for people studying English?

Speaking – English

Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways to study English at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- A.I.
- YouTube
- Reading
- Self study
- Pop music
- Textbooks
- Face-to-face lessons
- Watching movies

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