

ChatGPT will revolutionize English education in Japan

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Do you know about ChatGPT? It is an IT chatbot gaining attention worldwide, and I believe that education could be enhanced by utilizing this system. However, many educators now believe that ChatGPT diminishes students' ability to think and learn. Moreover, they are currently advocating for its removal from the educational environment. However, I see some values in ChatGPT, so, I would like to focus on English education and discuss the benefits of incorporating it into education.

First, students can strengthen their writing skills by utilizing ChatGPT. English writing has been a very time-consuming study. However, with ChatGPT, students can receive instant feedback on their writing exercises and learn more efficiently. I believe this method is beneficial to students because “efficiency” is an important factor in learning. Also, ChatGPT helps students to prepare for the Eiken, IELTS and TOEFL writing tests. I had studied for Eiken Grade Pre-1, but the number of writing models is limited, and I had a hard time preparing for the writing section. Then, I integrated ChatGPT into my learning process. I had ChatGPT create sentences and I practiced writing based on them. ChatGPT can generate even longer sentences within seconds. I believe this is the biggest advantage of using AI because this is something people cannot do. On the other hand, some may argue that students will rely completely on ChatGPT when they write English sentences and will lose the ability to produce sentences on their own. In order to overcome such challenges, I propose one solution. The idea is to have students write English sentences in class without using ChatGPT, and then have them correct their own sentences using ChatGPT at home during their home study. In this way, students at least have to generate their own English sentences. By the way, however, some of you might suspect that I used ChatGPT to write this speech, honestly, I did not.

Second, utilizing ChatGPT can enhance students' speaking skills.

Compared to previous translation software, ChatGPT is now able to offer natural English. We can say that the translation sites give us something that is similar to the robot called Pepper, which moves quite awkwardly. However, ChatGPT's results are more like something that a natural human being does. And ChatGPT allows students to practice English conversation on the chat. They can set up situations and topics such as shopping, ordering at a restaurant, or talking with friends and enjoy English conversation according to their interests and level. There are many students who are not confident in their English conversation skills and feel nervous when speaking with native speakers of English. This learning method is suitable for such students. As for me, when I first started online English conversation, I could not express what I wanted to say very well. I think that this happened because I could not make English sentences in my head spontaneously. Being able to speak English means being able to construct English sentences by yourself, and I assume that practicing English conversation on the chat helps you to improve this skill gradually and naturally.

We have discussed how ChatGPT is excellent in education, but there is one thing to keep in mind. That is, if used incorrectly, ChatGPT can hinder learning. However, if used correctly, ChatGPT can reduce the burden on teachers and raise the level of education. Twenty years ago, people used paper maps to reach their destinations. But when GPS appeared, people started using it, and as you can see, we cannot live without it. Now I believe ChatGPT can be GPS in English education to take you to your destination. Thank you for listening.