

# Using AI to improve your Language Skills (Student Version)

On this page you can find a selection of tools that you can use to improve your language skills. These tools can help you with brainstorming, researching, note-taking, and generating output for your studies at university. You should also consult with your instructors or [visit CILL](#) to get personalized feedback on your writing.

## [Note about appropriate use of AI tools](#)

### 1. For Brainstorming and Planning

Activity	Helpful AI tools for students
Choosing and narrowing down a topic	QuillBot <a href="https://quillbot.com/">https://quillbot.com/</a>
Brainstorming / ideation	ChatGPT (Accessible through PolyU) <a href="https://chat.openai.com/">https://chat.openai.com/</a>  Claude (Currently restricted in Hong Kong) <a href="https://claude.ai/">https://claude.ai/</a>  Stormboard <a href="https://stormboard.com/">https://stormboard.com/</a>  Frigjam <a href="https://www.figma.com/figjam/">https://www.figma.com/figjam/</a>
Generating an outline	WriteWell <a href="https://www.writewell.app/">https://www.writewell.app/</a>  Outwrite <a href="https://www.outwrite.com/">https://www.outwrite.com/</a>
Generating a mind map	Coggle <a href="https://coggle.it/">https://coggle.it/</a>  Edrawsoft <a href="https://www.edrawsoft.com/">https://www.edrawsoft.com/</a>

## 2. For Researching

Activity	Helpful AI tools for students
Literature search	<p>Semantic Scholar <a href="https://www.semanticscholar.org/">https://www.semanticscholar.org/</a></p> <p>Google Scholar <a href="https://scholar.google.com/">https://scholar.google.com/</a></p> <p>ResearchGate <a href="https://www.researchgate.net/">https://www.researchgate.net/</a></p>
Literature mapping	<p>Connected Papers <a href="https://www.connectedpapers.com/">https://www.connectedpapers.com/</a></p> <p>VOSviewer <a href="https://www.vosviewer.com/">https://www.vosviewer.com/</a></p> <p>Litmaps <a href="https://www.litmaps.com/">https://www.litmaps.com/</a></p> <p>Research Rabbit <a href="https://www.researchrabbit.ai/">https://www.researchrabbit.ai/</a></p>
Data analysis	<p>Julius AI <a href="https://julius.ai/">https://julius.ai/</a></p> <p>Co-pilot <a href="https://github.com/features/copilot">https://github.com/features/copilot</a></p> <p>Anthropic <a href="https://www.anthropic.com/">https://www.anthropic.com/</a></p> <p>Microsoft Power BI <a href="https://powerbi.microsoft.com/">https://powerbi.microsoft.com/</a></p> <p>JASP <a href="https://jasp-stats.org/">https://jasp-stats.org/</a></p>
Data visualization	<p>Tableau <a href="https://www.tableau.com/">https://www.tableau.com/</a></p> <p>Jira <a href="https://www.atlassian.com/software/jira">https://www.atlassian.com/software/jira</a></p> <p>Tiki-toki <a href="https://www.tiki-toki.com/">https://www.tiki-toki.com/</a></p>

	<p>Microsoft Power BI  <a href="https://powerbi.microsoft.com/">https://powerbi.microsoft.com/</a></p> <p>Lumina  <a href="https://www.lumina.com/">https://www.lumina.com/</a></p>
Organizing research materials	<p>Zotero  <a href="https://www.zotero.org/">https://www.zotero.org/</a></p> <p>Mendeley  <a href="https://www.mendeley.com/">https://www.mendeley.com/</a></p>

### 3. For Notetaking/Summarizing

Activity	Helpful AI tools for students
Translating sources	<p>Google Translate  <a href="https://translate.google.com/">https://translate.google.com/</a></p> <p>DeepL  <a href="https://www.deepl.com/">https://www.deepl.com/</a></p>
Transcribing audio to text	<p>Otter.ai  <a href="https://otter.ai/">https://otter.ai/</a></p> <p>Sonix  <a href="https://sonix.ai/">https://sonix.ai/</a></p> <p>Rev.ai  <a href="https://www.rev.ai/">https://www.rev.ai/</a></p>
Adding subtitles to videos	<p>Veed.io  <a href="https://veed.io/">https://veed.io/</a></p> <p>Kapwing  <a href="https://www.kapwing.com/">https://www.kapwing.com/</a></p> <p>Descript  <a href="https://www.descript.com/">https://www.descript.com/</a></p>
Taking notes (reading text)	<p>Otter.ai  <a href="https://otter.ai/">https://otter.ai/</a></p> <p>EverNote  <a href="https://evernote.com/">https://evernote.com/</a></p> <p>OneNote  <a href="https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/onenote/">https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/onenote/</a></p>

Taking notes (audio)	<p>Otter.ai <a href="https://otter.ai/">https://otter.ai/</a></p> <p>OneNote <a href="https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/onenote/">https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/onenote/</a></p>
Summarizing reading text	<p>Claude (Currently restricted in Hong Kong) <a href="https://claude.ai/">https://claude.ai/</a></p> <p>SummarizeBot <a href="https://www.summarizebot.com/">https://www.summarizebot.com/</a></p> <p>SMMRY <a href="https://smmry.com/">https://smmry.com/</a></p> <p>Perplexity <a href="https://www.perplexity.ai/">https://www.perplexity.ai/</a></p> <p>Blinkist <a href="https://www.blinkist.com/">https://www.blinkist.com/</a></p>
Summarizing audio	<p>Summarize-ing <a href="https://summarizing.ai/">https://summarizing.ai/</a></p> <p>Otter.ai <a href="https://otter.ai/">https://otter.ai/</a></p>
Synthesizing	<p>NotebookLM <a href="https://notebooklm.google.com/">https://notebooklm.google.com/</a></p> <p>ImageBind <a href="https://imagebind.metademolab.com/">https://imagebind.metademolab.com/</a></p>
Explaining concepts	<p>ChatGPT (Accessible through PolyU) <a href="https://chat.openai.com/">https://chat.openai.com/</a></p> <p>QuillBot <a href="https://quillbot.com/">https://quillbot.com/</a></p> <p>Khan Academy <a href="https://www.khanacademy.org/">https://www.khanacademy.org/</a></p>

#### 4. For Generating Output

Activity	Helpful AI tools for students
Writing a text	<p>ChatGPT (Accessible through PolyU)  <a href="https://chat.openai.com/">https://chat.openai.com/</a></p> <p>Claude (Currently restricted in Hong Kong)  <a href="https://claude.ai/">https://claude.ai/</a></p> <p>Copy.ai  <a href="https://www.copy.ai/">https://www.copy.ai/</a></p> <p>ShortlyAI  <a href="https://www.shortlyai.com/">https://www.shortlyai.com/</a></p> <p>Deepseek  <a href="https://www.deepseek.com/">https://www.deepseek.com/</a></p>
Re-writing a text	<p>Jasper  <a href="https://www.jasper.ai/">https://www.jasper.ai/</a></p> <p>QuillBot  <a href="https://quillbot.com/">https://quillbot.com/</a></p>
Finding relevant quotations	<p>Quillionz  <a href="https://www.quillionz.com/">https://www.quillionz.com/</a></p> <p>BrainyQuote  <a href="https://www.brainyquote.com/">https://www.brainyquote.com/</a></p>
Creating images	<p>DALL-E  <a href="https://openai.com/dall-e/">https://openai.com/dall-e/</a></p> <p>Midjourney  <a href="https://www.midjourney.com/">https://www.midjourney.com/</a></p> <p>Firefly  <a href="https://firefly.adobe.com/">https://firefly.adobe.com/</a></p> <p>MyLens.ai  <a href="https://mylens.ai/">https://mylens.ai/</a></p> <p>Canva  <a href="https://www.canva.com/">https://www.canva.com/</a></p>
Generating text-to-video	Sora

	<a href="https://openai.com/sora/">https://openai.com/sora/</a>  Runway ML <a href="https://runwayml.com/">https://runwayml.com/</a>  Luma Labs <a href="https://lumalabs.ai/">https://lumalabs.ai/</a>  Pika AI <a href="https://pika.art/">https://pika.art/</a>
Humanizing	Copy.ai <a href="https://www.copy.ai/">https://www.copy.ai/</a>  ShortlyAI <a href="https://www.shortlyai.com/">https://www.shortlyai.com/</a>  Writesonic <a href="https://writesonic.com/">https://writesonic.com/</a>
Creating PPT slides	Canva <a href="https://www.canva.com/">https://www.canva.com/</a>  Visme <a href="https://www.visme.co/">https://www.visme.co/</a>  Beautiful.AI <a href="https://www.beautiful.ai/">https://www.beautiful.ai/</a>  SlidesAI.io <a href="https://www.slidesai.io/">https://www.slidesai.io/</a>  Gamma.ai <a href="https://gamma.app/">https://gamma.app/</a>  Synthesia <a href="https://www.synthesia.io/">https://www.synthesia.io/</a>

## 5. For Feedback and Personalizing Learning

Activity	Helpful AI tools for students
Feedback	<p>ChatGPT-4 (Accessible through PolyU)  <a href="https://chat.openai.com/">https://chat.openai.com/</a></p> <p>Claude (Currently restricted in Hong Kong)  <a href="https://claude.ai/">https://claude.ai/</a></p> <p>Turnitin  <a href="https://www.turnitin.com/">https://www.turnitin.com/</a></p> <p>Kritik  <a href="https://kritik.io/">https://kritik.io/</a></p> <p>Scribbr  <a href="https://www.scribbr.com/">https://www.scribbr.com/</a></p> <p>Studiosity  <a href="https://www.studiosity.com/">https://www.studiosity.com/</a></p>
Correcting language	<p>Grammarly  <a href="https://www.grammarly.com/">https://www.grammarly.com/</a></p> <p>ProWritingAid  <a href="https://prowritingaid.com/">https://prowritingaid.com/</a></p> <p>ShortlyAI  <a href="https://www.shortlyai.com/">https://www.shortlyai.com/</a></p> <p>QuillBot  <a href="https://quillbot.com/">https://quillbot.com/</a></p>
Revising	<p>ChatGPT-4o (Accessible through PolyU)  <a href="https://chat.openai.com/">https://chat.openai.com/</a></p> <p>Grammarly  <a href="https://www.grammarly.com/">https://www.grammarly.com/</a></p> <p>Quizlet  <a href="https://quizlet.com/">https://quizlet.com/</a></p> <p>Socratic  <a href="https://socratic.org/">https://socratic.org/</a></p>
Personalizing learning	<p>Khanamigo  <a href="https://khanacademy.org/khan-labs">https://khanacademy.org/khan-labs</a></p> <p>Duolingo</p>

	<a href="https://www.duolingo.com/">https://www.duolingo.com/</a>  Rosetta Stone <a href="https://www.rosettastone.com/">https://www.rosettastone.com/</a>
Personal tutoring	Khanamigo <a href="https://khanacademy.org/khan-labs">https://khanacademy.org/khan-labs</a>  Quizlet <a href="https://quizlet.com/">https://quizlet.com/</a>  WisdomPlan <a href="https://wisdomplan.ai/">https://wisdomplan.ai/</a>  DeepL Write <a href="https://www.deepl.com/write">https://www.deepl.com/write</a>

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### **Appropriate use of AI tools**

The ELC follows the [PolyU policy](#) with regard to the use of GenAI tools. In summary, **students are accountable for their own work**. You should always refer to Student Information Sheets and ask your teacher to check when you may use GenAI tools in this subject.

Relying too much on AI can mean that you do not meet the assessment requirements. This will lead to either a low grade or fail grade for an assessment.

### **Academic honesty and avoiding plagiarism**

The University takes a very serious view against dishonesty and plagiarism in students' work, including in-class and out-of-class assessments. Dishonesty includes misrepresenting AI-generated work as your own. Dishonesty and plagiarised work will lead to downgrading or other disciplinary action as described in the Student Handbook.