Day 2: Shifts in language – what are we teaching, and how?

Naturally smart: Integrating AI into your English lessons by Rubens Heredia

In this interactive talk Rubens Heredia discussed the possible impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in ELT and demonstrated a number of practical ways to integrate it into lessons effectively.

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Road to Grammar. Road to Grammar is a site that offers quizzes, games and extra practice for all the key grammar points, as well as some key vocabulary topics. Each category comes with explanations and examples and when learners take the tests online they receive instant feedback and explanations. http://www.roadtogrammar.com/

Google Docs. Google Docs is an online word processor included as part of the free, web-based Google Docs Editors suite offered by Google. Users can create, and collaborate on online documents – they can be edited with secure sharing in real time and from any device. https://www.google.co.uk/docs/about/

ZeroGPT. ZeroGPT can detect OpenAI text – it is the most advanced and reliable ChatGPT, GPT4 & AI content detector and can check for plagiarism. Professional writers, students, educators, freelancers, copywriters have used ZeroGPT to detect text's source whether it derives from AI tools (like ChatGPT, Google Bard, ...) or human brain effectively. https://www.zerogpt.com/

Bing. Bing is an AI-powered copilot for the web created by Microsoft. Once you have downloaded the app, Bing helps you turn information into action, making it faster and easier to go from searching to doing. Ask questions. Chat to refine results. Get comprehensive answers and creative inspiration. https://bingapp.microsoft.com/bing

Midjourney. Midjourney is a generative artificial intelligence program which generates images from natural language descriptions, called 'prompts', similar to OpenAI's DALL·E 2 and Stable Diffusion. It claims to be exploring new mediums of thought and expanding the imaginative powers of the human species. The online community provides collaboration to create new worlds, fantastic characters and unique imagery from short text descriptions – and images far beyond the realm of stock library images. https://www.midjourney.com

Exploring AI tools and platforms. Report findings here:
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