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Edinburgh. Photo credit: Roan Lavery via Unsplash

Miles Merrill. Photo credit: Megan Carew

Vocabulary

Word	Description	Synonym
reintroduce	to start to use something again	bring back
chatbot	a computer program that can hold a conversation with a person, usually over the internet	
mimic	to look or behave like something else	imitate
sophistication	the quality in a machine or system of being clever and complicated in the way that it works or is presented	
ban	to decide or say officially that something is not allowed	prohibit
analogy	a comparison of one thing with another thing that has similar features; a feature that is similar	
considerable	great in amount, size, importance, etc.	significant
novel	a story long enough to fill a complete book, in which the characters and events are usually imaginary	
conscientious objector	a person who refuses to serve in the armed forces for moral reasons	
encourage	to give somebody support, courage or hope	hearten, embolden
edit	an act of making changes to text or data	revise
active sentence	A stronger, more direct way of writing wherein the subject <u>performs</u> the action. Such as: 'Tom ate the cookie'	Check the link below for more details.
passive sentence	Here the subject <u>receives</u> the action and the object, the cookie, becomes the subject. As in 'The cookie was eaten by Tom'	
verbatim	exactly as spoken or written	word for word
prompt	an instruction for a task	
accountable	responsible for your decisions or actions and expected to explain them when you are asked	responsible
violating	to go against or refuse to obey a law, an agreement, etc.	flout
campaigning	the activity of taking part in a campaign, for example to achieve social or political change, or in order to win an election	
sanitary towel	a thick piece of soft material that a woman wears between her legs to hold blood during her <u>period</u>	
dye	a substance that is used to change the colour of things such as cloth or hair	paint, color
crotch	the part of the body where the legs join at the top, including the area around the <u>genitals</u>	
backlash	a strong negative reaction by a large number of people	reaction
essential	completely necessary; extremely important in a particular situation or for a particular activity	vital
period poverty	Period poverty is a global issue affecting those who **don't have access to the safe, hygienic menstrual products** they need, and/or who are **unable to manage their periods with dignity**, sometimes due to community stigma and sanction.	Check the link below for more details.

scheme	a plan or system for doing or organizing something	plan
defiance	the act of openly refusing to obey somebody/something	
venue	a place where people meet for an organized event, for example a concert, sporting event or conference	place
milestone	a very important stage or event in the development of something	landmark
disruption	a situation in which it is difficult for something to continue in the normal way	
acknowledge	to accept that something is true	admit
fundamental	serious and very important; affecting the most central and important parts of something	basic
closure	the situation when a factory, school, hospital, or in this case nightclub, shuts permanently	close, shutdown
dampen	to make something such as a feeling or a reaction less strong	reduce, diminish, weaken

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Content questions

Australia: back to basics

1. Why are universities reintroducing pen and paper exams?

2. What exactly is ChatGPT?

3. According to Judy Kaye, the introduction of A.I. software can be compared to a different tool that was introduced in the 70s. Which tool is she refering to?

4. How does teacher Miles Merrill suggest that students use AI software when they write?

5. Why did student Lucas Smith stop using ChatGPT?

6. How do you become a competent user of these AI software according to Judy Kaye?

Kenya: the senate sees red

7. In what way did senator Gloria Orwoba violate the dress code and what happened as a result?

8. What was the reason she chose to dress this way?

India: work/life balance solved

9. What is the company *Softgrid* doing in order to promote a healthy work/life balance?

10. How are the employees responding?

Music from Trinidad and Tobago

11. Circle whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE

    a. The song is called *Shine Some Light*.   TRUE/FALSE
    b. The artists name is Eunice Peters.   TRUE/FALSE
    c. The song belongs to the music genre called Calypso.   TRUE/FALSE
    d. The song's chorus is about climate change.   TRUE/FALSE
    e. The artist is from Trinidag and Tobago.   TRUE/FALSE

Scotland: entertainment in the wee hours

12. When were COVID restrictions lifted in Scotland?

13. How many nightclubs have had to close since the pandemic started in the UK?

14. According to Robert Jarvis costs have gone up drastically. Name three things that cost more now.

15. Why are nightclubs so important to young Scots?

16. What two things are the Night Time Industries Association asking the UK government to do in order to prevent more clubs closing?

Language points

Complete the following idiomatic expressions.

17. Educators worry that students will use it to write essays and pass them ... as their own.
a. on
b. off
c. in

18. One sector that's been badly ... is nightclubs.
a. struck
b. punched
c. hit

19. The numbers are ... up.
a. picking
b. packing
c. plucking

20. What can be done to ... the threat of nightclub closures?.
a. tackle
b. tickle
c. tip

Bonus task!

Alliteration is when the same consonant sound is used in two or more words throughout the sentence, such as in the brand names Coca Cola and PayPal. The technique, that is used frequently in advertisement, music, poetry, brand names and character names can be thought of as the opposite of rhyming. Whereas rhyming focuses on the sound at the end of words, alliteration focuses on the sound at the beginning of words. The words can be divided by smaller words, for instance, prepositions, such as 'of' or articles, such as 'a', but usually the two or more words stand together. An example can be seen in the tongue twister 'Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers'. How many alliterations can you find in today's manuscript? If you are still unsure about alliterations, you may check the following website for more guidance: https://www.grammarly.com/blog/alliteration/

Discussion points

The pen is mightier than ... AI?

(From "the pen is mightier than the sword" a phrase written by Edward Bulwer-Lytton for his play *Cardinal Richelieu* in 1839. See this website for more details: https://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-30729480)

The introduction of AI software has made staff at schools and universities around the world nervous about the consequences of students using the tool for assessment tasks.

- What is your opinion of AI software? Would you use it? If yes, how would you use it? If no, why don't you want to use it?
- Do the teachers have cause to worry about assessments? Or is this just another invention that will eventually become part of our daily lives like the calculator?
- How do you see AI software being used in the future? What do you think we could accomplish by using it?
- Do you see any risks involved with using AI software?

Nightclubbing in the age of COVID

For many people the last couple of years of the pandemic have taken their toll. Nowadays we are faced with more and more restrictions being lifted and people are once again going to school or work with mild symptoms of a cold.

- How do you feel about the restrictions being lifted? Do you think we are ready?
- How would you compare your life now to your life before and during the pandemic? Has anything changed? If yes, how? If no, why do you suppose that is?
- Did you miss out on anything because of the pandemic?
- If we look at the glas half full, were there any positive sides to the pandemic?
- Do you think your education was effected by the pandemic? If yes, in what way?
- How do you think we would react if were to experience a new pandemic in the future? Do you think we will be better prepared because of the COVID pandemic?

Teachers' note
Questions for working with the photos on page 1:   1. Make a drawing of Edinburgh. 2. Make a drawing of Miles Merrill.   This task can be done with or without a time limit.   • Ask students to work in pairs with one of the pictures on page 1.   • One of the students will describe the picture to the other, who will draw the picture based on the description alone. No peeking!   • When finished, line all the pictures up and decide who the better team is in your class.

KEY

1.	The Australian universities are reintroducing pen and paper exams in the hopes that it will prevent students from using AI software to cheat in different types of assessments.
2.	ChatGPT is an AI software that can be used for a range of different purposes, including writing an essay or composing a speech.
3.	Judy Kaye is referring to the introduction of calculators in our schools in the 70s.
4.	Miles Merrill encourages the use of AI software as an editing device to get suggestions on how a text can be improved.
5.	He thought the answers he got to some of his prompts were weird and decided it was better to write the texts himself.
6.	To be a competent user you need to be aware of the limitations and how to use these tools. You also need to take responsibility for what you do with the tool and be honest about what you created yourself and what was created by using AI.
7.	She violated the dress code by wearing a white suit that appeared to be stained with period blood on the crotch. She was forced to leave the senate meeting. Her actions were met with harsch criticism online whereas the organisation Global Citizen Africa applauded her effort to end stigma surrounding menstruation.
8.	Senator Gloria Orwoba's choice of attire is part of her campaign to provide free sanitary products for school children in Kenya.
9.	The company has developed a software that turns employees' computers off after a ten minute warning to signal the end of the work day.
10.	One employee says that the company no longer needs to arrange other activities to promote a happy work place.
11.	A. TRUE B. TRUE C. TRUE D. FALSE E. TRUE
12.	The COVID restrictions were lifted in the first half of 2022 after two years.
13.	More than 300 UK nightclubs have closed since the pandemic started.
14.	Rent, gas and beer cost more.
15.	Young Scots say nightclubs is part of university life and something that can be experienced with a larger group of friends.
16.	The Night Time Industries Association is asking the government for more financial support and to make it easier for clubs to get a licence.
17.	b. off
18.	c. hit
19.	a. picking
20.	a. tackle
	Bonus task! Alliteration examples: tic-tac-toe, monthly menstrual, period poverty, Monday Motivation, Fun Friday, expensive energy, rising rents, produtive programmers.