

Understanding generative AI

Important rules

- **DO** research in English only
- **DO** use websites, articles, and videos in English
- **DO NOT** use Google Translate
- **DO NOT** use any generative AI tools (ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, etc.)
- **DO** write everything in your own words
- **DO** practice your presentation

Your assignment

You will research generative AI and create a presentation to share with the class. Your presentation must cover three main topics.

Part 1: Names of different generative AI tools

What you need to do:

- Make a list of different generative AI tools that exist today
- Include at least 8-10 different tools



- Organize them by category (for example: text, image, video, music, code)
- Information to include for each tool:
 - The name of the tool
 - The company that created it
 - What type of content it creates (text, images, videos, etc.)
 - When it was launched (year)

Example format:

- Tool name: ChatGPT
- Company: OpenAI
- Type: Text generation
- Launch year: 2022

Part 2: How generative AI works (Focus on LLMs)

What you need to explain:

A. What is an LLM?

- What does LLM mean? (Large Language Model)
- What is the purpose of an LLM?

B. How does an LLM learn?

- Where does the training data come from?
- What is "training" for an AI?
- How much data does an LLM need?

C. How does an LLM generate answers?



- What happens when you ask a question?
- How does it choose the words in its response?
- Does it really "understand" or is it something else?

Tips for this section:

- Use simple diagrams or images to explain the process
- Think of a good comparison or example to help people understand
- You can use terms like: training, data, tokens, parameters, neural networks (but explain what they mean!)

Part 3: How to use generative AI in a Clever Way

What you need to explain:

A. Good ways to use generative AI:

- Give at least 5 examples of smart uses
- Examples could be: learning, research, brainstorming, coding help, translation, summarizing, etc.
- Explain WHY each example is a good use

B. How to write good prompts:

- What is a "prompt"?
- Show examples of a BAD prompt vs. a GOOD prompt
- Give tips for getting better results

C. What NOT to do with generative AI:

- Give at least 4 examples of bad practices



- Examples: copying homework, spreading false information, avoiding learning, etc.
- Explain WHY these are problems

D. How to check if information is correct:

- How can you verify what AI tells you?
- Why is it important to check the information?

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Presentation Requirements

Slides:

- Minimum: 15 slides (not counting title and references)
- Maximum: 25 slides
- Include a title slide with your name
- Include a final slide with your sources (websites, articles, videos you used)

Design:

- Use clear fonts that are easy to read
- Include images, diagrams, or icons to make it interesting
- Don't put too much text on one slide
- Use colors that work well together

Content:

- Write in simple English (use short sentences)



- Use bullet points to organize information
- Include examples to make things clear
- Add page numbers to your slides

Speaking:

- Presentation time: 10-15 minutes
- Everyone must speak during the presentation
- Practice!
- Speak clearly and not too fast
- **DO NOT READ**
- Be ready to answer questions from the audience

Base de connaissances

How to research (Tips)

1. Good websites to start:

- NOT Wikipedia
- Official websites of AI companies (OpenAI, Google AI, Anthropic, etc.)
- Technology news sites (TechCrunch, Wired, The Verge)
- YouTube videos (search "how does AI work" or "what is LLM")

2. Take notes while you research:

- Write down important information



- Save the website links for your references
- Write things in your own words

3. If you don't understand a word:

- Use an English-English dictionary (not translation!)
- Try: Cambridge Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, or Oxford Learner's Dictionary
- Look for simpler explanations on different websites

Compétences visées

Grading criteria

Your presentation will be evaluated on:

- Content (**40%**): Complete information, clear explanations, good examples
- Research quality (**20%**): Using good sources, accurate information
- Presentation design (**20%**): Clear slides, good organization, visual appeal
- Speaking skills (**20%**): Clear speaking, good timing, teamwork, answering questions