

LISTENING

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3. What misconception about AI's effect on language is addressed by the speakers?
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4. How does AI transform how students learn, according to the discussion?

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**Notes for "Language in the Digital Age" Podcast**

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AI developers can:

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- partnering with global experts
- create more (6) culturally aware AI systems

**2. Great Language Flattening: Threat or Opportunity for Human Languages?**

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Humans should:

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