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A Report on The Webinar: ChatGPT the Language Classroom.

Pedagogy is the driver; technology is the accelerator.

The Webinar, ChatGPT in the Language Classroom by Nik Peachey, was conducted by Orient Black Swan on 14th July 2023.

Nik Peachey has worked all over the world training teachers and developing innovative and creative products, and is a two-time winner of The British Council Innovations Award. He has more than twenty years of experience working specifically with online and blended learning environments.

ChatGPT, an AI-powered conversational agent developed by OpenAI, has emerged as a valuable tool for educational settings. It offers numerous benefits as a friendly classroom collaborator, supporting students and educators in their learning and teaching endeavours.

With its ability to provide personalized learning experiences, ChatGPT adapts its responses to individual learners, offering tailored support, explanations, and additional resources. Its 24/7 availability ensures students can receive assistance whenever they need it.

One significant advantage of ChatGPT is its capacity to offer immediate feedback. It can provide instant evaluations of students' work, enabling them to identify areas of improvement and make necessary revisions. This timely feedback fosters a cycle of continuous improvement, enhancing learning outcomes.

Furthermore, ChatGPT's multilingual support contributes to its versatility. It can engage with students who are non-native English speakers, assisting them with language practice and translation, and facilitating language learning classrooms. When ChatGPT prompted to build an interactive story, it makes the student a character, engages them, and makes them a part of the story. The AI-powered collaborator also excels at recommending relevant educational resources. By

suggesting articles, videos, and interactive learning materials, ChatGPT enriches students' learning experiences, promoting exploration beyond the classroom and cultivating a culture of lifelong learning.

While ChatGPT offers numerous benefits, ethical considerations are crucial. Privacy and data security must be upheld, biases and inclusivity must be addressed, and human supervision is necessary to ensure alignment with educational goals and values.

Understanding that ChatGPT is not a search engine is paramount. It doesn't furnish the student with facts; it only provides opinions. AI is artificial thinking. It cannot provide the student with anything unique. The ability to write accurate prompts and being able to identify what is quality and what is not helps the user to use AI efficiently. It is time to rethink assessment so that it mirrors the needs of the 21st-century AI-dominated environment.

In conclusion, ChatGPT has the potential to be a friendly classroom collaborator. Providing personalized learning, 24/7 availability, immediate feedback, and resource recommendations enhances the educational experience. Responsible implementation of AI technology ensures that ChatGPT supports both students and educators effectively.

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