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Level 1 – 13th February 2025

Food packaging warnings should be on AI books

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250213-ai-book-warnings-1.html>

Poet Peter Mackay wants warnings to be put on books written by artificial intelligence (AI). He is worried about the damage AI is doing to the book industry. He wants food label-style warnings on AI books. He said he is worried about AI in the creation of new literature and books. He said it "could be disastrous for new people...in the profession". He said it is now hard to make a living as a writer because AI uses "all the knowledge of every book written".

Mr Mackay wants a mark that shows whether AI or a person wrote a book. He thinks the public needs to know about the level of AI input in a book. He said information could show if a book is "100 per cent AI-free". His idea comes just before the USA refused to sign an agreement on AI to keep it "clean". The US said too much regulation of AI could "kill a transformative industry just as it's taking off". It said "pro-growth AI policies" were important.

Sources: <https://www.scotsman.com/news/scottish-news/food-packaging-style-health-warnings-should-be-put-on-books-written-by-ai-says-scotlands-makar-4982464>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. warnings to be | a. literature |
| 2. written by | b. to the book industry |
| 3. the damage AI is doing | c. of every book |
| 4. food label-style | d. the profession |
| 5. the creation of new | e. put on books |
| 6. He said it could be | f. warnings |
| 7. new people in | g. disastrous |
| 8. AI uses all the knowledge | h. artificial intelligence |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. whether AI or a person | a. in a book |
| 2. He thinks the public needs | b. clean |
| 3. the level of AI input | c. AI-free |
| 4. a book is 100 per cent | d. off |
| 5. the USA refused to sign | e. wrote a book |
| 6. keep it | f. of AI |
| 7. too much regulation | g. to know |
| 8. just as it's taking | h. an agreement |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Poet Peter Mackay wants warnings to
(1) _____ books written by artificial
intelligence (AI). He is worried (2) _____ AI
is doing to the book industry. He wants
(3) _____ warnings on AI books. He said he
is worried about AI in the (4) _____ literature
and books. He said it "could (5) _____ new
people...in the profession". He said it is now hard to make a living
as a writer because AI uses "all the knowledge
(6) _____ written".

Mr Mackay wants a (7) _____ whether AI or
a person wrote a book. He thinks (8) _____
to know about the level of AI input in a book. He said information
could show (9) _____ is "100 per cent AI-
free". His idea comes just before the USA
(10) _____ an agreement on AI to keep it
"clean". The US said (11) _____ of AI could
"kill a transformative industry just as
(12) _____ ". It said "pro-growth AI policies"
were important.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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A.I. BOOKS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250213-ai-book-warnings-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about A.I. books in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

