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**Level 2** – 13th February 2025

## Food packaging warnings should be on AI books

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

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A poet from Scotland wants warnings to be put on books written by artificial intelligence (AI). Peter Mackay is Scotland's national poet. He is worried about the damage AI is doing to the publishing industry. He wants food packaging-style health warnings on AI-generated books. He told the BBC: "I have got huge concerns about AI in terms of the creation of new literature [and] new books, partly because...it could be disastrous for new people...in the profession." He added: "It's [now] very hard to make a living as a writer." This is because AI uses "all the knowledge of every book written".

Mr Mackay wants new books to have a mark that shows whether AI or a person wrote it. The mark could be like those on food labels. Mackay 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 or 100 per cent organically produced". Mackay's idea comes just before the USA and UK refused to sign an agreement on AI to keep it "clean". The US Vice President said too much regulation of AI could "kill a transformative industry just as it's taking off". He said "pro-growth AI policies" were more important than safety.

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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250213-ai-book-warnings-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. A poet                         | a. the profession  |
| 2. warnings to be                 | b. health warnings |
| 3. He is worried about the damage | c. a living        |
| 4. the publishing                 | d. put on books    |
| 5. food packaging-style           | e. book written    |
| 6. new people in                  | f. industry        |
| 7. It's now very hard to make     | g. from Scotland   |
| 8. all the knowledge of every     | h. AI is doing     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. a mark that shows whether AI   | a. transformative industry |
| 2. The mark could be like those   | b. 100 per cent AI-free    |
| 3. the public needs to know about | c. policies                |
| 4. show if a book is              | d. or a person wrote it    |
| 5. the USA and UK refused to      | e. the level of AI input   |
| 6. regulation of AI could kill a  | f. off                     |
| 7. just as it's taking            | g. sign an agreement       |
| 8. pro-growth AI                  | h. on food labels          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) \_\_\_\_\_ written by artificial intelligence (AI).  
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(2) \_\_\_\_\_ the damage AI is doing to the publishing  
industry. He wants food packaging-style (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
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(4) \_\_\_\_\_ AI in terms of the creation of new  
literature [and] new books, partly because...it could  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_ new people...in the profession." He  
added: "It's [now] very hard to make a living as a writer." This is  
because AI uses "all the knowledge of (6) \_\_\_\_\_".

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shows whether AI or a person wrote it. The mark could be like those  
on food labels. Mackay thinks (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to know  
about the level of AI input in a book. He said information could  
(9) \_\_\_\_\_ book is "100 per cent AI-free or 100 per  
cent organically produced". Mackay's (10) \_\_\_\_\_  
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it "clean". The US Vice President (11) \_\_\_\_\_  
regulation of AI could "kill a transformative industry just as it's  
taking off". He said "pro-growth AI policies" were more  
(12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# A.I. BOOKS SURVEY

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

