

AI Literacy & Competency Frameworks

Stanford AI Literacy Framework

(<https://teachingcommons.stanford.edu/teaching-guides/artificial-intelligence-teaching-guide/understanding-ai-literacy>)

- Functional literacy: How does AI work?
- Ethical literacy: How do we navigate the ethical issues of AI?
- Rhetorical literacy: How do we use natural and AI-generated language to achieve our goals?
- Pedagogical literacy: How do we use AI to enhance teaching and learning?

OECD AI Lit Framework

(https://www.oecd.org/content/dam/oecd/en/publications/reports/2026/06/empowering-learners-for-the-age-of-ai_2f8315e7/65cd27d4-en.pdf)

- Knowledge: The Nature of AI; AI Reflects Human Choices & Perspectives; AI's Capabilities & Limitations; AI's Role in Society
- Skills: Critical Thinking; Collaboration; Creativity; Problem Solving; Computational Thinking; Communication; Self & Social Awareness
- Attitudes: Reflective; Responsible; Curious; Innovative; Adaptable; Empathetic

Educause Framework for AI Literacy

(<https://er.educause.edu/articles/2024/6/a-framework-for-ai-literacy>)

- Understand AI
- Use and Apply AI
- Analyze and Evaluate AI
- Create AI

UNESCO AI Competency Framework

(<https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000391105>)

Progression through Understand, Apply, & Create with four aspects:

- Human-centered mindset (human agency; human accountability; citizenship in the age of AI)
- Ethics of AI (embodied ethics; safe and responsible use; ethics by design)
- AI techniques and applications (AI foundations; application skills; creating AI tools)
- AI system design (problem scoping; architecture design; iteration and feedback loops)

US Department of Labor's AI Literacy Framework

(<https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/OPA/newsreleases/2026/02/ETA-20260212-hi.jpg>)

- Understand AI Principles
- Explore AI Uses
- Direct AI Effectively
- Evaluate AI Outputs
- Use AI responsibly

Commonalities Among AI Literacy Frameworks:

- **Ethics:** for a specific task, is using Generative or Agentic AI an ethical choice for me?
- **Proficiency:** am I able to select and effectively use the appropriate AI tool for the task at hand?
- **Comprehension:** to the extent it is possible, do I understand the process by which the tool I am using is imitating human behavior?
- **Judgment:** am I using my critical thinking skills to evaluate AI outputs?

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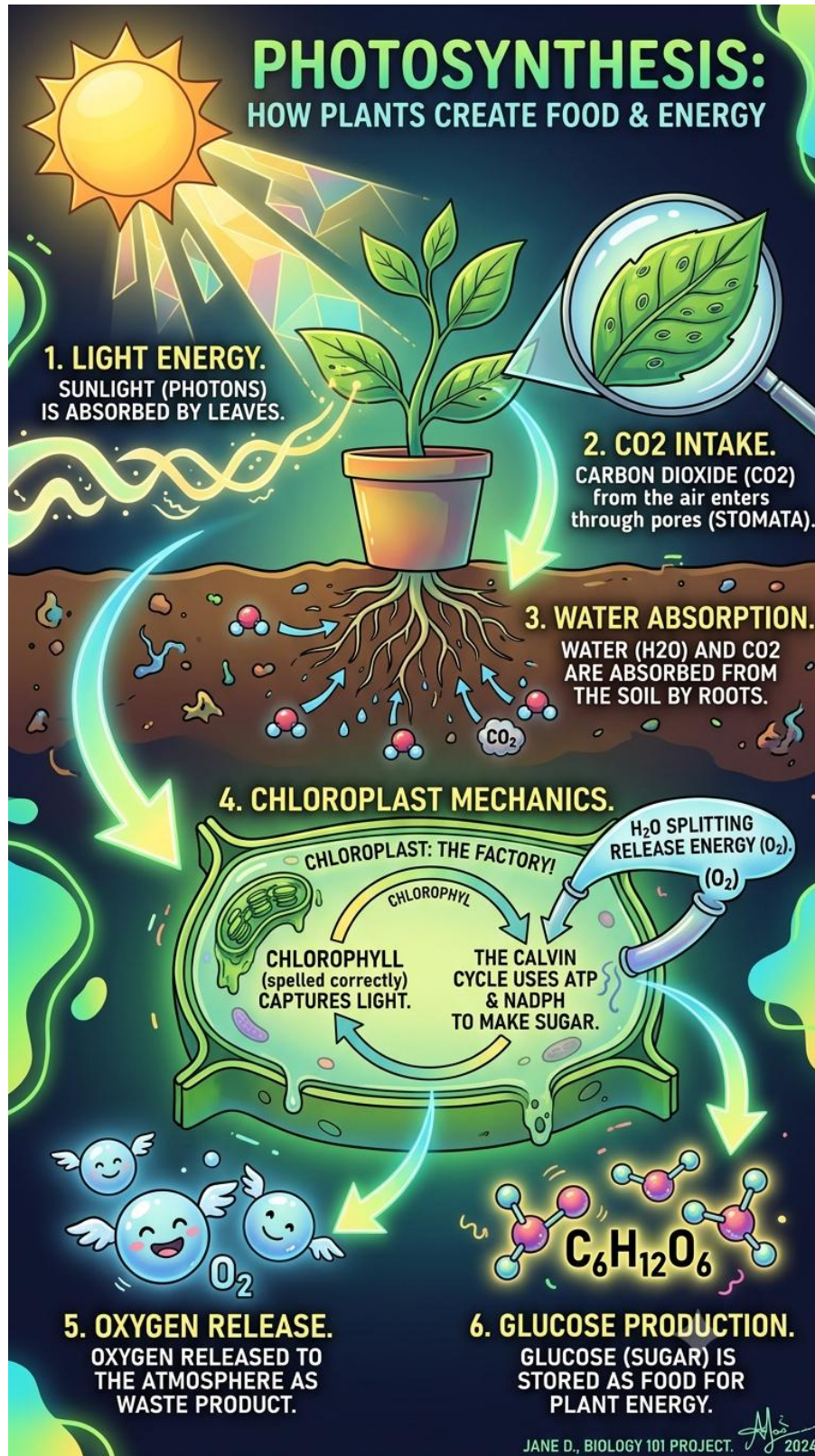
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How would a typical student handle this chatbot response?

Are you asking students to show you this work as a preliminary step in writing their papers?

Do students have the skills to check these sources? Who taught them those skills?

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Where does spellchecking end and generative rewriting begin?

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Is it ethical to use a single report from an AI detection tool (EVEN PANGRAM) as the evidence used to file an academic integrity violation?

Does this policy set up an 'us vs. them' dynamic and position the instructor as a compliance officer?

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Is a shift in quality proof of cheating? (or did they go the writing center, hire a tutor, etc)

What % is the threshold for a confrontation? What does a conversation with Marcus look like with this as your only evidence?

How could an assignment be designed that doesn't let the student remove 'classroom context'?

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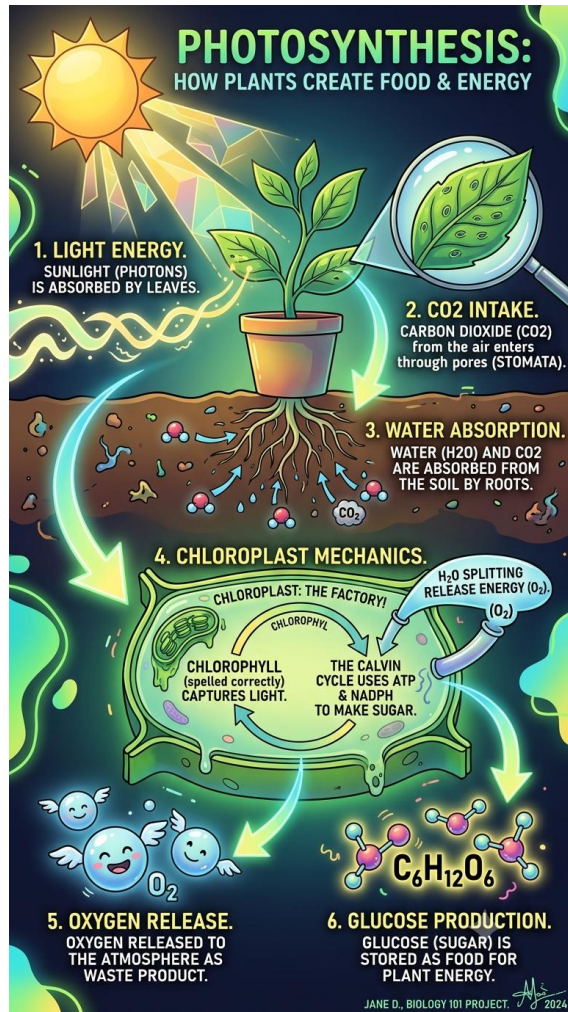
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The glazing, the retention tactics, the conflict between a likely instructor response and chatbot response...

How do we teach students to recognize these AI chatbot techniques?

How does this constant digital validation affect a student's resilience?

Artifact 6:



Errors: CO₂ is not absorbed from the soil by plant roots; 'Cholorphyll (spelled correctly)' as text on the document is a leak from the prompt; the glucose model is nonsense; the plant leaf stomata don't look right.

How does the visual polish trick a student into thinking the underlying data is trustworthy?

What rubric elements are needed for this assignment?

If a student turns this in, is it evidence that they learned the steps of photosynthesis?