**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Word of the year: AI**

**Voor de docent**

*AI* is het woord van 2023 van de Collins’ Dictionary.

**ERK-niveau**

Lezen B1 – *Lezen om informatie op te doen: Kan belangrijke feitelijke informatie begrijpen in korte verslagen en artikelen. (LEB1-3a)*

Leesstrategieën - *Kan de betekenis van zo nu en dan voorkomende onbekende woorden afleiden uit de context en de betekenis van zinnen herleiden, op voorwaarde dat het besproken onderwerp bekend is.*

**Intro**

Collins’ Dictionary has announced its 2023 word of the year.

*Everybody is talking about AI. Let’s take a closer look.*

Assignment 1

You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a Write down 5 or more words related to computers.

**Word of the year: AI**

Each year, Collins’ Dictionary chooses a word of the year.

They have now [announced their word of 2023](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/67282890).

Assignment 2

Find the words in the text. Connect the words and expressions that have the same meaning.

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| 1. artificial | *a.* all by itself; without any help from other people or machines |
| 2. independent | *b.* difficult to deal with and full of problems |
| 3. to cheat | *c.* not natural, but made or produced by humans |
| 4. assignments | *d.* not planned |
| 5. to recommend | *e.* powerful people in the technology sector |
| 6. unintended | *f.* professors and other members of colleges and universities |
| 7. consequences | *g.* the result that they want to get |
| 8. tech leaders | *h.* to say that something is good and that you might like it |
| 9. academics | *i.* tasks or jobs that you must do |
| 10. the aim | *j.* things that happens as a result of something else |
| 11. problematic | *k.* to use unfair or forbidden tricks to succeed |
| 12. concerned | *l.* worried, troubled |

Assignment 3

a What is AI?

1 The artificial idea that computers will rule the world in future.

2 The power of a machine to act intelligently in a human way.

3 The software that computers need to function.

4 The two-day event in the UK where world leaders, tech leaders and academics meet.

b What can AI do? Choose all correct answers.

1 Come up with information really quickly.

2 Create pictures.

3 Everything people can do.

4 Helps streaming apps know what films to recommend to you.

5 Make it possible for smart speakers to function.

6 Make risks less problematic for people.

7 Organize events for world leaders, tech leaders and academics.

8 Write stories.

c Why has everyone been talking about AI in 2023?

1 Because it is word of the year.

2 Because it plays an important role in the Ukraine war.

3 Because many students use it to cheat in tests or assignments

4 Because people are starting to see the risks of AI.

Assignment 4

a Try out the word of the year quiz.