

Parsons' AI Classroom Use Scale (2024)

Level	Level Name	Key Elements	Example Prompts
0	No AI Use	* No AI tools used for any aspect of written assignments. * All work is independently conceived and produced. * No AI assistance of any kind.	(No prompts used)
1	AI for Minor Grammar/Style Corrections	* Limited to basic grammar, spelling, and punctuation checks. * No alteration of content or meaning. * Primarily uses tools like Grammarly for surface-level edits.	"Check this paragraph for grammatical errors" "Improve sentence structure" "Suggest synonyms for [words]"
2	AI for Sentence-Level Refinement	* Focus on improving individual sentences. * No generation of complete paragraphs or sections. * AI suggestions are incorporated selectively by the student.	"Refine this sentence for impact" "Rephrase this sentence more academically" "Rewrite this sentence to improve clarity"
3	AI for Limited Idea Generation & Outlining	* AI used for brainstorming and initial ideas, but student develops content. * Creates a basic outline or structure, but student fills in details. * AI suggestions are a starting point, not the final product.	"Give me three thesis statements on [topic]" "Suggest three main points for [argument]" "Create a basic outline for an essay on [topic]"
4	AI for Feedback and Revision (Sentence Level)	* AI provides feedback on existing drafts. * Suggestions focus on sentence-level clarity, style, and flow. * Student retains control over content changes.	"Review this paragraph for clarity" "Suggest ways to improve flow" "Evaluate the argument and suggest improvements"
5	AI for Paraphrasing and Clarification	* AI used to simplify complex sentences or passages. * Maintains original expression; AI acts as a clarifying tool. * Student independently synthesizes information.	"Paraphrase this complex sentence" "Explain this passage in simpler terms" "Summarize the main arguments of this article"
6	AI for Structural Assistance (Outlining & Organization)	* AI helps organize thoughts and structure the argument. * AI supports logical flow and organization of ideas. * Content and ideas remain entirely the student's own.	"Suggest a logical order for these points" "Help organize this essay for smooth transitions" "Suggest a strong conclusion based on these points"
7	AI for Advanced Revision & Style Suggestions	* Extensive AI use for revision and stylistic enhancement. * All AI contributions are explicitly cited and acknowledged. * Student maintains overall control and authorship.	"Analyze this essay for clarity and style. Suggest improvements (cite all suggestions)" "Revise this essay for consistent tone (cite all suggestions)" "Check for logical fallacies (cite all suggestions)"
8	AI for Significant Idea Generation & Structure	* AI significantly contributes to idea generation and structural planning. * Requires explicit instructor approval. * All AI contributions are meticulously cited and documented.	"Brainstorm and outline a research paper on [topic] (cite all AI contributions)" "Develop a comprehensive research plan (cite all AI contributions)" "Generate potential arguments and counterarguments (cite all AI contributions)"