NEWS LESSON

Should a Chatbot Help You Choose a Job?



BEFORE YOU READ

1 Warm up

Talk about these questions with a partner.

1. What decision would you happily ask an AI chatbot to help with?
2. Does a confident answer make you more likely to trust advice?
3. Would you prefer advice from a person who knows you or a tool with lots of information?

2 Key words

These words are in the article. Write the letter of the meaning (A to H) in each box.

1	**advantages**	☐	A	good points of something
2	**personality**	☐	B	the way you think, feel and act that makes you different from others
3	**comfortable**	☐	C	a job or duty that is yours
4	**harm**	☐	D	real and useful, not just an idea
5	**practical**	☐	E	giving a lot of facts and small parts
6	**incomplete**	☐	F	with some parts missing
7	**responsibility**	☐	G	happy and not worried
8	**detailed**	☐	H	damage or pain to someone

3 Read

Read the article and underline the key words from task 2. The paragraphs are numbered.

AI can set out the good and bad points in seconds. It does not know your family, your feelings, or when it is wrong.

1 You have two job offers and cannot decide which one to accept. One pays more, but the other sounds more interesting. You ask an AI chatbot for help. It quickly sets out the advantages and disadvantages. Should you follow its advice?

2 AI tools can explain difficult information, compare options and help us come up with questions. But giving information is different from making a decision for someone. A computer may not understand your family, personality or feelings as well as a close friend does.

3 In a 2025 survey, Pew Research Center asked Americans about different uses of AI. Many people supported using it for tasks such as weather forecasting and medical research. They were much less comfortable with AI taking a role in very personal decisions, including deciding whether two people should be together.

4 There are practical risks too. AI can make mistakes or sound confident when its information is wrong. If someone asks about a serious health problem or an important financial choice, acting on an incorrect answer could cause harm.

5 This does not mean we should give up on AI completely. It might help us prepare for a conversation with a doctor, compare questions to ask an employer or understand the meaning of a document. We can use its ideas and still look up important facts or check them with qualified people.

6 The way we ask AI questions can make a big difference. Suppose you are thinking of moving to another country. Instead of asking, 'Should I move?', you could ask, 'What costs should I think about before moving?' You could then check the answers on official websites and talk to people who have made a similar move. This keeps the tool in a helpful role.

7 The same idea works for money and health questions: ask for explanations or a list of questions to take to a professional, not an answer you must follow. We should also remember that chatbots may not know when our information is incomplete. A friend might stop and ask why we want to make a change. A chatbot may give a detailed answer before it understands the whole situation.

8 Perhaps the best role for AI is not to tell us what to do. It is to help us understand our choices more clearly. The final responsibility still belongs to us, especially when the decision could change our lives.

Sources: Pew Research Center. Picture: AI illustration.

4 True, false or not given

Circle **T** (true), **F** (false) or **NG** (the article does not say).

1. Most chatbots now warn users about serious decisions. T F NG
2. People were comfortable with AI deciding whether two people should be together. T F NG
3. AI might help somebody prepare for a conversation with a doctor. T F NG
4. A chatbot can sound sure even when its answer is wrong. T F NG
5. The writer says we should stop using AI completely. T F NG

5 Vocabulary

Complete the sentences with words from the box. Two words are not needed.

decision	employer	incorrect	official	risks	similar	survey

1. The company sent a short _____ to its customers to ask what they thought of the new shop.
2. A good _____ will want to know why you left your last job.
3. Swimming in the sea can have _____ , so you should always check the weather first.
4. My answer was _____ , so the computer marked it with a red cross.
5. Only an _____ announcement from the school can tell you if classes are cancelled.

6 Verb forms

Write the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. A computer may not _____ your family, personality or feelings as well as a close friend does. (UNDERSTAND)
2. Pew Research Center _____ Americans about AI in 2025. (ASK)
3. They were much less comfortable with AI _____ a role in very personal decisions. (TAKE)
4. Suppose you _____ of moving to another country. (THINK)
5. The final responsibility still _____ to us. (BELONG)

7 Language focus: prepositions

Complete the sentences with words from the box. Two words are not needed. Some words always go with one small word. Learn the pair together, for example good at.

at	by	for	from	of	on	to

1. Your problem is similar _____ one I had last year.
2. The answer depends _____ how clearly you ask the question.
3. Some chatbots are free, but others ask you to pay _____ them.
4. AI is good _____ comparing long lists of facts.
5. Many people are afraid _____ making a big decision alone.

SPEAK

8 Talk about it

Discuss in pairs or small groups. Give reasons for your answers.

1. Which decisions should always stay with a person?
2. What would you check before acting on an AI suggestion?
3. Could asking for advice too often make choosing harder on your own?

9 Role-play: let the chatbot decide?

Work in pairs. Read your card, then have the conversation. Swap roles and do it again.

Student A · the person with two job offers

You have two job offers and cannot choose. You want to ask a chatbot to decide for you. Explain why you think it is a good idea. Listen to your friend's worries.

Student B · the friend

You think your friend should not let a chatbot choose. Ask questions about the jobs. Suggest a better way to use the chatbot, and say who should make the final decision.

Useful phrases

I'm thinking of asking a chatbot to decide.
That's a big decision, so I wouldn't let it choose.
What if the answer's wrong?
It could help you make a list of questions.
I'd still check the facts myself.
Let's agree that the final choice is yours.

Afterwards, tell the class: did your friend change your mind, and who should make the final decision?

ANSWER KEY

2 Key words

1 A · 2 B · 3 G · 4 H · 5 D · 6 F · 7 C · 8 E

4 True, false or not given

1 NG · 2 F · 3 T · 4 T · 5 F

5 Vocabulary

1 survey · 2 employer · 3 risks · 4 incorrect · 5 official

6 Verb forms

1 understand · 2 asked · 3 taking · 4 are thinking · 5 belongs

7 Language focus

1 to · 2 on · 3 for · 4 at · 5 of

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