

LEVEL
B1 · Intermediate

TIME
60 min

SKILLS
Reading · Speaking · Grammar · Vocabulary

Learning objectives

In this lesson, you can:

- understand a short research report about AI at work
- describe changes with the present perfect (*has increased from… to…*)
- use trend vocabulary (*rise, fall, stay the same*)
- discuss how AI is changing your job

Key vocabulary

survey · share · workplace · tool · increase · decrease · degree · trend · up from · unchanged

Materials

- this worksheet
- article: *About 1 in 5 U.S. workers now use AI in their job, up since last year* (Pew Research Center)

1 Warm up

SPEAKING

Look at the pictures. What can you see? How are they connected to the topic? Then answer the questions with your teacher.



PICTURE A · working with a laptop



PICTURE B · data on a screen

1. Which digital tools do you use every day at work?
2. Have you tried an AI tool? What for?
3. Do you think AI will help or replace people in your job?

2 Vocabulary preparation

VOCABULARY

Part A: Match the words with the definitions.

share (n) | degree (n) | workplace (n) | tool (n) | unchanged (adj) | survey (n)

1. _____ a study where many people answer the same questions
2. _____ a part of a group, often a percentage
3. _____ the place where people work
4. _____ something (a program or an object) that helps you do a job
5. _____ the same as before
6. _____ a university qualification, for example a bachelor's

Part B: Trends. Write *rose*, *fell* or *stayed the same*.

Example: 10% → 15% = *rose*

1. 16% → 21% = _____
2. 17% → 12% = _____
3. 2% → 2% = _____
4. 31% → 36% = _____
5. 45% → 46% = _____ (almost)

3 Main input: read and learn

READING · GRAMMAR

Pew Research Center is an independent research organisation in the USA. Read its short article about AI use at work (the whole text is short).

ARTICLE

About 1 in 5 U.S. workers now use AI in their job, up since last year
Pew Research Center · Luona Lin · 6 October 2025 · about 330 words (2 minutes) · free
https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2025/10/06/about-1-in-5-us-workers-now-use-ai-in-their-job-up-since-last-year/

Read the first three paragraphs. Answer: What percentage of US workers say at least some of their work is done with AI? What was the figure about a year before?

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Language focus: describing change: present perfect and past simple

Look at how the article describes changes over time.

Use	Example
Change up to now: present perfect	The share of workers who use AI has increased from 16% to 21%.
No change: present perfect negative	The share who do most of their work with AI hasn't changed.
Finished time: past simple	In 2024, 31% of non-users said some of their work could be done with AI.
Short forms in reports	21%, up from 16% · 12%, down from 17%

Practice: Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs.

1. The share of US workers who use AI _____ (increase) from 16% to 21%.
2. The share who haven't heard about AI at work _____ (fall) from 17% to 12%.
3. The share who do all or most of their work with AI _____ (not change).
4. Last year, 31% of non-users _____ (say) some of their work could be done with AI.
5. _____ your company _____ (start) using AI tools yet?

4 Reading comprehension

READING

Part A: Read again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? Circle.

1. About 1 in 5 US workers use AI in their job. T / F
2. Most American workers use AI a lot. T / F
3. The share who do all or most of their work with AI increased. T / F
4. Workers with a bachelor's degree or more are among the most likely to use AI. T / F
5. Fewer workers say they haven't heard about AI at work than a year ago. T / F
6. The survey took place in September. T / F

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Part B: Complete the table with the percentages.

Group	A year earlier	2025
workers who do at least some work with AI		
workers with a bachelor's degree or more		
workers with some college or less education		
non-users who say some of their work can be done with AI		

Part C: Think and answer.

1. Which group drove most of the increase in AI use?

2. Why do you think younger and more educated workers use AI more?

3. Do you think the results would be similar in your company or country? Why?

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5 Speaking practice and discussion

SPEAKING

Part A: Choose TWO cue cards. Talk about each card with your teacher for 1–2 minutes.

Cue card 1: AI at my job

- Tasks I use it for
- Tasks I don't
- Results

Cue card 2: My digital tools

- Email and chat
- Data and reports
- The most useful one

Cue card 3: Learning new technology

- How I learn
- Training at work
- Difficulties

Cue card 4: Jobs and the future

- Jobs that will change
- New jobs
- Skills we need

Cue card 5: Data and surveys

- Surveys at my company
- Do I trust them?
- Why?

Part B: Answer the questions with your teacher. Give reasons and examples.

1. Do you use AI tools at work? For which tasks? If not, why not?
2. How has your job changed in the last five years?
3. Which tasks in your job could AI do well? Which couldn't it do?
4. Why do you think 65% of US workers still don't use AI much?
5. Should companies train all employees to use AI? Why? / Why not?

6 Lesson takeaway and wrap-up

REVIEW

Complete the sentences. Then tell your teacher.

1. Three useful phrases to describe trends: _____
2. One fact from the article: _____
3. In my job, AI use has _____
4. One task I want to try with AI: _____

Takeaway: AI use at work is growing, but in the USA most workers still don't use it much. The fastest growth is among workers with more education — training can close the gap.

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+ Optional extension / homework

WRITING

Write a short report (80–100 words) about technology use in your team. Describe one change with the present perfect and one past event with the past simple.

Alternative activity:

Prepare a one-minute presentation: “How AI could help my team” — one task, the tool and the expected result. Present it to your teacher in the next class.

References

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