

AI-Assisted Research Activity

Name of the AI Research Tool:

Chat GPT

Type of Tool: AI-Powered Research and General-Purpose Assistant

Purpose:

Chat GPT is an AI tool that can be used for many different types of work, including research. I can use it to find information, understand difficult topics, summarize long content, compare different information and analyze documents. It can be useful for students when working on assignments, projects and research topics.

For research, Chat GPT has features like **Search** and **Deep Research**. I can use Search when I need quick or recent information from the internet. For a topic that needs more detailed research, Deep Research can look at information from multiple sources and prepare a more detailed report with sources that I can check.

Availability – Free / Paid / Cost:

Free Plan:

- Cost: **£0**
- We can use Chat GPT for basic questions, learning, writing and research.
- Web Search is also available, which can help when we need current information.
- There are usage limits on the free version.
- I feel this version is suitable for students who mainly need Chat GPT for normal academic work.

Chat GPT Plus:

- Official base price: **\$20 per month**; Open AI supports localized **GBP (£)** billing in the UK.
- It provides higher usage limits than the Free plan.
- It gives access to more advanced models and features.
- It includes features such as file analysis, image generation and Deep Research where available.

Chat GPT Pro:

- There are currently **\$100/month and \$200/month Pro tiers**.
- These are higher-level plans for users who need much more usage and advanced capabilities.

- Pro includes features such as advanced models, Deep Research, file uploads and image creation.
- The final amount in the UK can be shown in £ at checkout because GBP is a supported billing currency.

Ease of Use:

I find Chat GPT very easy to use because I can simply type my question in normal language. I do not need any special technical knowledge to use it. The answers are also easy to understand, and I can ask follow-up questions if I need more information.

Effectiveness for Research:

I think Chat GPT is quite effective for research because it can help me find information, understand difficult topics, summarize content and compare different information. Its Search feature is useful for getting recent information, while Deep Research is helpful when a topic needs more detailed research from multiple sources.

However, I would still check the original sources before using important information in my assignment.

User Reviews / Feedback:

From my observation, Chat GPT is popular because it is simple to use and can be helpful for many different tasks. Students especially find it useful for learning, explaining topics, summarizing information and doing research.

One important point is that users should not blindly trust every answer. Open AI also recommends checking important information and the sources used, because AI can sometimes give incorrect or incomplete information.