



**The Denver Branch of the ESU presents
The 15th Annual Dr. Howard F. Beckley High School Writing Competition**

The Evolving Language: How Generative AI is Reshaping Our Communication

**COMPETITION OPEN TO DENVER AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
COMPOSE AN ESSAY BETWEEN 800-1,500 WORDS
BASED ON THE ATTACHED PROMPT**

**Email essays as Word attachments, with full name, school & teacher's name to
beckleywriting@gmail.com**

****entries must be received by 11:59pm on December 1****

First Prize: \$500.00

Second Prize: \$250.00

Third Prize: \$100.00

Winners will be notified by December 8, 2024

**Winners must commit to attend the Denver ESU Celebration on Saturday, Dec.
14 to read their winning essay. (1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Denver Woman's Press Club, Denver)**

****If unable to attend, prize money will be forfeited.**

Judges will grade entries on:

Adherence to correct English grammar, syntax, and punctuation

Effective and clear essay structure

Quality and originality of work

*Remember: All research must be clearly and appropriately cited.

The Evolving Language: How Generative AI is Reshaping Our Communication

In a recent article on ["The Next Web,"](#) author Thomas Macaulay discusses how AI is reshaping the English language in real-time:

"AI has made another assault on the English language. After taking the title of the Collins Dictionary word of the year, artificial intelligence this week assailed the Cambridge version. This time, the impact is more subtle — but deeper. The first example emerged from Cambridge's word of the year for 2023: 'hallucinate.'

'It's an old word, but the award is due to a new meaning. In the latest versions of the Cambridge Dictionary, 'hallucinate' has an extra definition:

'When an artificial intelligence (a computer system that has some of the qualities that the human brain has, such as the ability to produce language in a way that seems human) hallucinates, it produces false information.'"

Macaulay continues:

"The new meaning of hallucinate isn't the only mark of AI on the Cambridge lexicon.

During 2023, lexicographers have added various definitions related to artificial intelligence, including large language model (or LLM), generative AI (or GenAI), and GPT.

At the tech's current pace of development, the impact on 2024's dictionaries could be even deeper."

Reflect on your experiences with generative AI and its impact on the English language. Consider the following questions as you craft your essay:

1. **Language Evolution:** In what ways do you think generative AI is changing the way we use and understand the English language? Are there new words, phrases, or styles of communication emerging from these interactions?
2. **Cultural Impact:** Consider the broader implications of these changes. How do you think generative AI influences our cultural conversations, relationships, or social norms? Does it make communication more accessible, or does it create new barriers?
3. **Personal Reflection:** Reflect on your feelings about these changes. Do you see generative AI as a tool that enhances your expression, or do you feel it complicates authentic communication? Why?
4. **Future Considerations:** Looking ahead, what do you envision for the future of language in the context of generative AI? How might your relationship with language evolve as these technologies continue to develop?

Use these prompts as a starting point to explore your thoughts and experiences, weaving in personal anecdotes and reflections on the significance of language in our lives today."