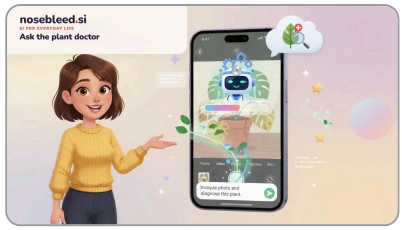
Ask the plant doctor



Use AI to work out what's wrong with a poorly plant, and what to do, then check its advice makes sense.

By the end, you'll be able to:

- describe a plant's problem clearly
- use AI to get a likely cause and simple steps
- check AI's advice against the clues

Warm-up Have you ever saved a poorly plant?

Talk about it with your group. Houseplants, tomatoes, roses: what went wrong, and what did you do?

1 Gather the clues

AI can't see your plant unless you share a photo, and even then the clues help. Tick the details worth giving.

	Helpful	Not needed
What the plant is, if you know		
What the leaves look like (yellow, brown spots, droopy)		
How often you water it		
Where it lives (sunny window, shady corner, outside)		
The price you paid		
How long it's been like this		

2 Ask AI

If you have a device, share a photo of a plant, or try this prompt.

TRY THIS PROMPT

My peace lily's leaves are turning yellow and soft. The soil always feels wet, and the pot has no hole in the bottom. It sits on a shady windowsill. What's the most likely cause, and what should I do? Please give simple steps, and tell me if you're not sure.

3 Check the advice

An AI gave this answer to the prompt above. Does it make sense? Why, or why not?

EXAMPLE AI ANSWER

Your peace lily is thirsty. Water it every day until the leaves perk up.

4 Your plant

Think of a plant you have, or had, that wasn't happy. Write a prompt describing it, with the clues from Part 1.

5 Good habits

- AI gives a **likely** cause, not a certain one. Watch how the plant responds.
- Ask: "Is this plant safe for cats and dogs?" if you have pets, and check the answer.
- Before using sprays or chemicals, read the label, and ask about gentler options first.

> **No device?** In pairs, one person describes a poorly plant. The other plays "plant doctor" and asks questions to find the cause.

Find out more: read the free step-by-step guide, with a 10-second video, at **nosebleed.si/ideas/ask-the-plant-doctor**

Teacher notes: Ask the plant doctor

Time: 45 to 60 minutes

Level: beginners; no AI experience needed

Group: any size; works well in pairs

You'll need: a copy per learner; phones or tablets with an AI chat app (optional)

Before the session

Try the prompt yourself. If you can, bring a struggling houseplant (or a photo of one) for learners to try with a photo.

Running order

5 min	**Warm-up.** Plants we've saved, or lost.
10 min	**Part 1.** The clues that help.
15 min	**Parts 2 and 3.** Try the prompt, then check the answer.
15 min	**Part 4.** Learners describe their own plants.
5 min	**Wrap-up.** Likely, not certain.

Answers: Part 1

All helpful except the price.

Answers: Part 3

It doesn't make sense. Yellow, soft leaves, wet soil and no drainage hole point to **too much water**, not too little. Watering every day would make it worse. A better answer: let the soil dry out, and move it to a pot with a drainage hole.

Discussion points

- AI can contradict the clues you gave it. Read the answer against your description.
- Overwatering is one of the most common reasons houseplants struggle.
- In the UK, the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) website has trusted advice on plant problems.
- Some common houseplants, including peace lilies, can be harmful to pets if eaten.

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Plan your garden

Describe your garden's sunny and shady spots, and use AI to plan what to grow where, and when.



By the end, you'll be able to:

- describe a garden: size, sun, shade and soil
- use AI to plan what to grow, and a sowing calendar
- check AI's ideas suit the spot and the season

Warm-up What would you grow?

Talk about it with your group. Flowers, vegetables, herbs, fruit? A garden, an allotment, a balcony or a windowsill?

1 Describe the space

Fill this in for a garden, yard, balcony or windowsill you know.

	Your garden
Roughly how big?	
Which parts are sunny, and which are shady?	
What's the soil like? (clay, sandy, pots only)	
How much time do you have?	
What would you like? (colour, food, wildlife, easy care)	

2 Ask AI for a plan

If you have a device, try this prompt, or write your own using Part 1.

TRY THIS PROMPT

I have a small back garden in the north of England. One border gets sun all afternoon; the other is shady under a tree. I'd like easy-care flowers for bees, and a few vegetables in pots. Please suggest what to grow where, and give me a simple month-by-month calendar for sowing and planting.

3 Check the plan

An AI suggested these. Tick whether each makes sense.

	Makes sense	Doubtful
Lavender for the sunny border		
Lavender for the deep shade under the tree		
Ferns and hostas for the shady border		
Plant tomato plants outside in February		
Sow salad leaves in pots in spring		

For each doubtful idea, write what you'd do instead.

4 Ask about where you live

When things can be planted depends on where you live. Write a follow-up question to ask AI about your area.

5 Good habits

- Tell AI roughly where you live: the right time to plant varies.
- Check plant labels for sun, shade and size.
- Ask at a local garden centre or allotment: local knowledge is gold.

> **No device?** In small groups, draw a simple garden plan on paper. Mark the sunny and shady parts, and agree what to grow in each.

Find out more: read the free step-by-step guide, with a 10-second video, at **nosebleed.si/ideas/plan-your-garden**

Teacher notes: Plan your garden

Time: 45 to 60 minutes

Group: any size; works well in pairs

Level: beginners; no AI experience needed

You'll need: a copy per learner; seed packets or plant labels (optional); phones or tablets with an AI chat app (optional)

Before the session

Try the prompt yourself. Seed packets or plant labels make good props: they show sun, shade and sowing times.

Running order

5 min	**Warm-up.** What we'd grow.
10 min	**Part 1.** Describe the space.
20 min	**Parts 2 and 3.** Try the prompt, then check the plan.
10 min	**Parts 4 and 5.** Local timing; good habits.
5 min	**Wrap-up.** Right plant, right place, right time.

Answers: Part 3

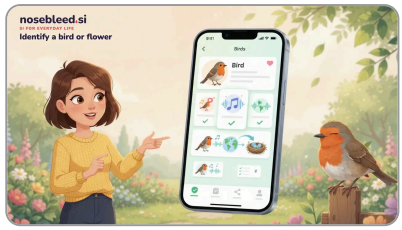
Makes sense: lavender in sun; ferns and hostas in shade; salad leaves in spring.
Doubtful: lavender loves sun and won't thrive in deep shade. Tomatoes outside in February would be killed by frost: in most of the UK, they go outside from late May or early June.

Discussion points

- "Right plant, right place" saves time and money.
- Frost dates vary: later in the north and on high ground.
- Bees love open, simple flowers, like lavender, foxgloves and herbs in flower.

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Identify a bird or flower



Use AI to suggest what a bird or flower might be, from a photo or a description, and know when to double-check.

By the end, you'll be able to:

- take a useful photo, or give a good description
- use AI to suggest what it is
- know the limits, and stay safe with wild plants

Warm-up What did you spot last?

Talk about it with your group. A bird in the garden? A flower on a walk? Did you know what it was?

1 Good clues

Tick what would help AI identify a bird.

	Helpful	Not needed
Its size (compared with a robin or a pigeon)		
Its colours and markings		
Where you saw it (garden, river, woods)		
What it was doing (feeding, singing, swimming)		
The month you saw it		
Your favourite bird		

2 Ask AI

If you have a device, share a photo, or try this description.

TRY THIS PROMPT

I saw a small bird in my garden in Kent in January, about the size of a robin. It had a black cap, a yellow-green back, a yellow front with a black stripe down the middle, and it was hanging upside down on the bird feeder. What could it be? Please give me your best guess, and how sure you are.

What did AI suggest? How sure was it?

3 A safety check

An AI identified a flower like this. What's wrong with its answer?

EXAMPLE AI ANSWER

This is a foxglove. Its tall spikes of purple bell-shaped flowers are lovely in early summer. The leaves can be used to make a soothing herbal tea.

4 Take a good photo

Write three tips for taking a photo that AI (or an expert) could identify.

5 Good habits

- AI's answer is a suggestion. Compare it with a field guide or a trusted website.
- **Never** eat a wild plant, berry or mushroom because an app or AI says it's safe.
- Watch birds from a distance, and never disturb a nest.

> **No device?** In pairs, describe a bird or flower you know well, without naming it. Can your partner guess what it is?

Find out more: read the free step-by-step guide, with a 10-second video, at **nosebleed.si/ideas/identify-a-bird-or-flower**

Teacher notes: Identify a bird or flower

Time: 45 to 60 minutes

Group: any size; works well in pairs

Level: beginners; no AI experience needed

You'll need: a copy per learner; a bird or wild flower guide (optional); phones or tablets with an AI chat app (optional)

Before the session

Try the prompt yourself. A bird book or wild flower guide is useful for checking answers. If you can, go outside and try the photo tips.

Running order

5 min	**Warm-up.** Recent sightings.
10 min	**Part 1.** Good clues.
20 min	**Parts 2 and 3.** Try the prompt, then the safety check.
10 min	**Part 4.** Photo tips.
5 min	**Wrap-up.** A suggestion, not a certainty.

Answers: Part 1

All helpful except your favourite bird.

Part 2

The bird described is a great tit: black cap, yellow front with a black stripe, often acrobatic at feeders.

Answers: Part 3

The tea is **dangerous**. All parts of the foxglove are poisonous. The identification may be right, but the extra "fact" could cause real harm.

Answers: Part 4

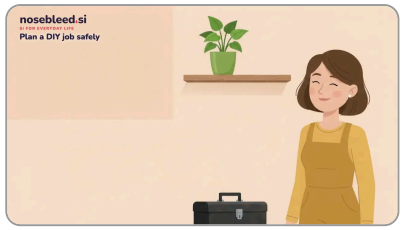
Get as close as you safely can; keep it in focus; show the whole flower or bird, and the leaves; take a few photos from different angles; good daylight helps.

Discussion points

- AI can be wrong about similar-looking species.
- Some apps are made just for identifying birds, by song or photo, or plants. Charities such as the RSPB have free guides too.

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Plan a small DIY job safely



Use AI to list the tools, steps and safety checks for a small job, and decide whether to do it yourself or call a professional.

By the end, you'll be able to:

- decide which jobs are DIY, and which need a professional
- use AI to plan the tools, steps and safety checks
- spot unsafe advice

Warm-up What jobs do you do yourself?

Talk about it with your group. Changing a bulb? Putting up a shelf? Painting? Which jobs would you never try?

1 DIY or professional?

Tick what you'd do with each job.

	Do it myself	Call a professional
Change a light bulb		
Paint a bedroom		
Fit a new gas fire		
Hang a picture		
Replace the fuse box		
Fix a dripping tap		

2 Ask AI for a plan

If you have a device, try this prompt.

TRY THIS PROMPT

I want to hang a heavy mirror on a plasterboard wall in my hallway. Please list the tools I'll need, the steps, and the safety checks. Tell me honestly if this is a job I should get someone else to do.

3 Spot the unsafe advice

An AI gave these tips. Tick whether each is safe.

	Safe	Unsafe
Use a detector to check for pipes and cables before drilling		
Drill straight above the light switch: it's the easiest spot		
Use fixings made for plasterboard, rated for the mirror's weight		
Wear safety glasses when drilling		
Ordinary screws are fine in plasterboard		

Talk about it: what would you do if you weren't sure whether AI's advice was safe?

4 Your job

Think of a small job at home. Write a prompt asking AI for the tools, steps and safety checks.

5 Good habits

- Ask AI: "What could go wrong, and how do I avoid it?"
- If a job involves gas, the fuse box or anything you're unsure of, call a professional.
- Don't work up a ladder alone. Have someone with you.

> **No device?** In small groups, list everything you'd need to hang a mirror safely. Compare lists.



Find out more: read the free step-by-step guide, with a 10-second video, at **nosebleed.si/ideas/plan-a-diy-job-safely**

Teacher notes: Plan a small DIY job safely

Time: 45 to 60 minutes

Level: beginners; no AI experience needed

Group: any size; works well in pairs

You'll need: a copy per learner; phones or tablets with an AI chat app (optional)

Before the session

Try the prompt yourself. A cable and pipe detector makes a good prop if you have one. The safety notes are for the UK.

Running order

5 min	**Warm-up.** Jobs we do, and don't.
10 min	**Part 1.** DIY or professional?
20 min	**Parts 2 and 3.** Try the prompt, then spot the unsafe advice.
10 min	**Part 4.** A job of their own.
5 min	**Wrap-up.** When in doubt, call someone.

Answers: Part 1

Usually DIY: a bulb, painting, a picture, and (for some people) a dripping tap.
Professional: the gas fire (by law, gas work must be done by a Gas Safe registered engineer) and the fuse box (a registered electrician).

Answers: Part 3

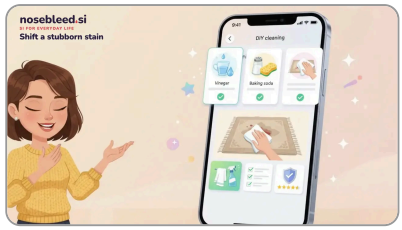
Unsafe: drilling straight above a switch (cables often run straight up or down from switches and sockets); ordinary screws in plasterboard (they won't hold a heavy mirror).
Safe: the other three.

Discussion points

- AI usually gives sensible safety advice, but can get details wrong. If it doesn't feel right, stop and ask.
- The weight a fixing can hold is on its packet.
- Ask friends or a local trusted traders' scheme for recommended tradespeople.

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Shift a stubborn stain



Use AI to get calm, step-by-step advice for a stain, then check it's safe for the fabric, and for you.

By the end, you'll be able to:

- tell AI the stain, the material and what you've tried
- follow safe, gentle steps first
- spot advice that could make it worse

Warm-up What's the worst stain you've had to shift?

Talk about it with your group. Red wine? Gravy? Grass? Did you get it out? How?

1 The details AI needs

Fill in the details for a stain you've had, or make one up.

	Your stain
What's the stain?	
What's the material? (cotton, wool, carpet)	
How old is it?	
What does the care label say?	
What have you tried already?	

2 Ask AI

If you have a device, try this prompt.

TRY THIS PROMPT

I've spilled tea on a pale cotton shirt. It happened ten minutes ago. The label says it can be washed at 40 degrees. Please give me simple steps to get it out, starting with the gentlest, using things I'm likely to have at home.

3 Could it make it worse?

Tick whether each tip is good or risky.

	Good	Risky
Blot the stain; don't rub it		
Rub a blood stain hard with hot water		
Test any cleaner on a hidden area first		
Mix bleach with another cleaner to make it stronger		
Rinse from the back of the fabric		
Check the stain has gone before tumble drying		

Which tip surprised you, and why?

4 Ask a follow-up

The tea stain has faded, but there's still a mark. Write a follow-up to ask AI.

5 Good habits

- Act quickly, but start gently.
- **Never** mix cleaning products: some make dangerous fumes.
- For precious or "dry clean only" items, ask a dry cleaner.

> **No device?** In pairs, swap stain stories. How did you get it out? Would you do it the same way again?

Find out more: read the free step-by-step guide, with a 10-second video, at **nosebleed.si/ideas/shift-a-stubborn-stain**

Teacher notes: Shift a stubborn stain

Time: 45 to 60 minutes

Level: beginners; no AI experience needed

Group: any size; works well in pairs

You'll need: a copy per learner; phones or tablets with an AI chat app (optional)

Before the session

Try the prompt yourself. Stains are a light-hearted topic with a serious safety point: never mix cleaning products.

Running order

5 min	**Warm-up.** Stain stories.
10 min	**Part 1.** The details AI needs.
15 min	**Parts 2 and 3.** Try the prompt, then good or risky.
15 min	**Parts 4 and 5.** A follow-up; good habits.
5 min	**Wrap-up.** Gentle first, never mix.

Answers: Part 3

Good: blot; test first; rinse from the back; check before tumble drying (heat can set a stain).
Risky: hot water on blood can set it (use cold water); mixing bleach with other cleaners can give off dangerous gas.

Part 4: an example

"The tea stain has faded but there's still a light brown mark. What can I try next that's safe for cotton?"

Discussion points

- Telling AI the material and the care label changes its advice.
- AI can suggest products by brand name. You don't need a particular brand.

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Fix an appliance problem

Use AI to understand an error code and try simple, safe fixes, and know when it's time to call someone.



By the end, you'll be able to:

- give AI the make, model and error code
- try only simple, safe fixes
- know when to stop and call an engineer

Warm-up Which appliance lets you down?

Talk about it with your group. Washing machine? Dishwasher? Boiler? What happened?

1 Find the details

Error codes mean different things on different machines. Where would you find each detail? Write it in.

	Where to find it
The make (the brand)	
The model number	
The error code	
The instructions	

2 Ask AI

If you have a device, try this prompt, with a real make and model if you have one.

TRY THIS PROMPT

My washing machine is showing error code E21 and won't drain. The make is [make] and the model number is [model]. What does the code usually mean, and what simple, safe checks can I try myself? Please tell me when I should stop and call an engineer.

3 Safe or not?

Tick whether each is safe to try yourself.

	Safe	Not safe
Switch it off and on again		
Clean the drain filter, with towels down for the water		
Take the back off while it's plugged in		
Check the drain hose isn't kinked		
Keep using it while it smells of burning		

What would you do if an appliance smelt of burning?

4 Check the answer

An AI said this. Why should you be careful?

EXAMPLE AI ANSWER

Error E21 means the motor has failed. You'll need a new washing machine.

5 Good habits

- Give the make and model. Check the code in the maker's manual or website.
- Switch off and unplug before any check.
- Register your appliances with the maker, so you hear about safety recalls.

> **No device?** In pairs, look at a photo or diagram of a washing machine. Find where the model number and drain filter might be.

Find out more: read the free step-by-step guide, with a 10-second video, at **nosebleed.si/ideas/fix-an-appliance-problem**

Teacher notes: Fix an appliance problem

Time: 45 to 60 minutes

Level: beginners; no AI experience needed

Group: any size; works well in pairs

You'll need: a copy per learner; phones or tablets with an AI chat app (optional)

Before the session

Try the prompt with an appliance of your own. "E21" is used here as an example: codes differ between makers, which is the point of the lesson. Take care that learners don't do anything unsafe at home.

Running order

5 min	**Warm-up.** Appliance trouble.
10 min	**Part 1.** Find the details.
15 min	**Parts 2 and 3.** Try the prompt, then safe or not.
15 min	**Parts 4 and 5.** Check the answer; good habits.
5 min	**Wrap-up.** Simple, safe, then call.

Answers: Part 1

Make: on the front. **Model number:** on a label, often inside the door, on the back, or in the manual. **Error code:** on the display. **Instructions:** the manual, or the maker's website.

Answers: Part 3

Safe: off and on; the drain filter (switched off, with towels); the hose.
Not safe: the back off while plugged in; using it with a burning smell (switch off and unplug).

Answers: Part 4

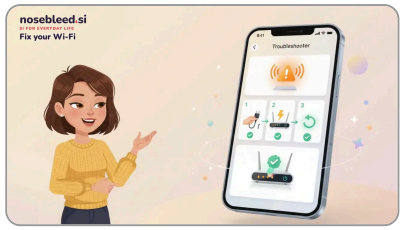
The AI doesn't know the make or model, so it's guessing. On many machines, a drain error is something simple, like a blocked filter. Check the manual, try the safe checks, and get an engineer's view before buying a new machine.

Discussion points

- A burning smell, smoke or sparks: switch off at the wall and unplug.

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Fix your Wi-Fi



Use AI to work through simple steps when the Wi-Fi plays up, one at a time, before you call your provider.

By the end, you'll be able to:

- describe the problem clearly
- try simple steps in a sensible order
- spot a step that should come last, and avoid support scams

Warm-up What happens when the Wi-Fi goes down?

Talk about it with your group. What do you do first? Who do you call?

1 Describe the problem

Tick the details that would help AI.

	Helpful	Don't share
Is it one device, or all of them?		
What do the lights on the router show?		
When did it start?		
Is it slow, or not working at all?		
The Wi-Fi password		
Who your provider is		

2 Ask AI

AI chat needs the internet! If your Wi-Fi is down, you might use mobile data on a phone. Try this prompt.

TRY THIS PROMPT

My Wi-Fi has stopped working on my laptop and my tablet. The light on the router is orange instead of white. Please give me simple steps to try, one at a time, starting with the easiest. Wait for me to say how each step went before giving the next one.

3 Put them in order

Number these steps 1 to 5, from what you'd try first to what you'd try last.

	Order
Call your provider	
Check if other devices are affected	
Turn the router off, wait 30 seconds, turn it on	
Hold the reset button for 30 seconds (this wipes the router's settings)	
Check the provider's website for problems in your area	

Why should the reset button come last?

4 Scam or real?

Someone calls: *"I'm from your broadband provider. We've detected a problem with your internet. Please download this app so I can fix your computer."* What would you do?

5 Good habits

- Restarting the router fixes many problems. Give it a few minutes to come back.
- Ask AI to go one step at a time, and tell it how each step went.
- Never let an unexpected caller onto your computer.

> **No device?** In pairs, one person is "the helper" and one has a Wi-Fi problem. The helper asks questions to find out what's wrong.

Find out more: read the free step-by-step guide, with a 10-second video, at **nosebleed.si/ideas/fix-your-wifi**

Teacher notes: Fix your Wi-Fi

Time: 45 to 60 minutes

Level: beginners; no AI experience needed

Group: any size; works well in pairs

You'll need: a copy per learner; phones or tablets with an AI chat app (optional)

Before the session

Try the prompt yourself. Point out where the router is in the room, if there is one, and what its lights mean.

Running order

5 min	**Warm-up.** When the Wi-Fi goes.
10 min	**Part 1.** Describe the problem.
15 min	**Parts 2 and 3.** Try the prompt, then order the steps.
15 min	**Parts 4 and 5.** Scam or real; good habits.
5 min	**Wrap-up.** One step at a time.

Answers: Part 1

Helpful: one device or all; the lights; when; slow or not working; the provider.
Don't share: the Wi-Fi password. AI doesn't need it.

Answers: Part 3

A sensible order: 1, other devices; 2, restart the router; 3, the provider's website; 4, call the provider; 5, the reset button, and only if the provider tells you to. A reset wipes the router's settings, which can leave you with no internet at all.

Answers: Part 4

Hang up. This is a common scam. Providers don't usually call out of the blue to fix your computer. If you're worried, call your provider on the number on your bill.

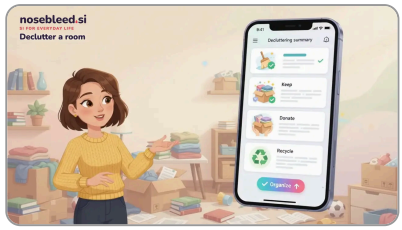
Discussion points

- Asking AI to "wait for me" makes long fixes easier to follow.
- Moving closer to the router can help a weak signal.

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Declutter a room

Use AI to make a gentle plan in small steps, with keep, donate and recycle piles, so a room becomes calm and tidy.



By the end, you'll be able to:

- break a big job into small steps
- use AI to make a plan that suits you
- make kind decisions about precious things

Warm-up Which room needs it most?

Talk about it with your group. The spare room? The loft? A cupboard nobody opens? What makes it hard to start?

1 Sort it out

Here's what Brenda found in one drawer. Tick a pile for each.

	Keep	Donate	Recycle	Not sure
Old phone chargers for phones she no longer has				
Her mum's handwritten recipe cards				
Takeaway menus from 2015				
A good torch that works				
Three spare sets of keys, no idea what for				
Unopened bath gifts				

2 Ask AI for a plan

If you have a device, try this prompt, or describe a room of your own.

TRY THIS PROMPT

Please help me declutter my spare bedroom. It's full of boxes, old clothes, books and paperwork. I can only manage about 20 minutes at a time, and some things belong to my late husband. Please make me a gentle plan for two weeks, in small steps, with keep, donate and recycle piles.

3 Check the plan

An AI plan said this. Which **two** parts don't suit Brenda?

EXAMPLE AI PLAN

Day 1: Clear the whole room in one go. Get rid of anything you haven't used in a year, including old photos and letters.

4 Where can it go?

Write where you could take things in your area.

	Where?
Clothes and books	
Old electricals and chargers	
Paperwork with personal details	
Furniture	

Which drawer, shelf or cupboard could you start with this week?

5 Good habits

- Small steps: one drawer, one shelf, one box.
- Take your time with precious things. Photograph items before letting them go.
- Shred papers with names, addresses or account numbers.

> **No device?** In pairs, plan a 20-minute declutter of one drawer or shelf at home. What will you do with each pile?

Find out more: read the free step-by-step guide, with a 10-second video, at **nosebleed.si/ideas/declutter-a-room**

Teacher notes: Declutter a room

Time: 45 to 60 minutes

Level: beginners; no AI experience needed

Group: any size; works well in pairs

You'll need: a copy per learner; phones or tablets with an AI chat app (optional)

Before the session

Try the prompt yourself. Brenda is made up. Decluttering can be emotional, especially after a bereavement or a move, so keep the tone gentle and practical.

Running order

5 min	**Warm-up.** Rooms that need it.
10 min	**Part 1.** Sort Brenda's drawer.
15 min	**Parts 2 and 3.** Try the prompt, then check the plan.
15 min	**Part 4.** Where things can go locally.
5 min	**Wrap-up.** Small steps, kind decisions.

Answers: Part 1

There's no single right answer. A likely sort: chargers and menus, recycle (chargers at an electricals recycling point); recipe cards and torch, keep; bath gifts, donate; keys, "not sure" until she checks them.

Answers: Part 3

1. The whole room in one go: she can only manage 20 minutes at a time.
2. Getting rid of old photos and letters: precious things need time and care, and the "one year" rule doesn't suit them.

Answers: Part 4

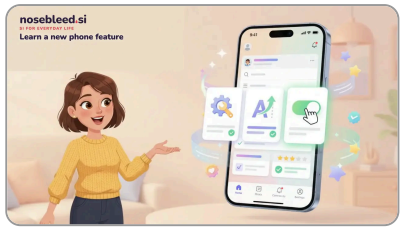
Charity shops; council recycling centres (many take electricals); shredding at home or a shredding service; furniture charities, some of which collect.

Discussion points

- AI plans can be too ambitious. Tell it what you can really manage.
- Ask AI to remind you why you're doing it: a calm room, space for visitors.

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Learn a new phone feature



Use AI to get simple, numbered steps for your own phone, and go one step at a time, at your own pace.

By the end, you'll be able to:

- tell AI exactly which phone you have
- follow steps one at a time
- spot steps meant for a different phone

Warm-up What would you like your phone to do?

Talk about it with your group. Is there something you've always wanted to know how to do on your phone?

1 Choose a feature

Tick the ones you'd like to learn.

	I can do this	I'd like to learn
Make the text bigger		
Use the torch		
Use the phone as a magnifying glass		
Add emergency information for paramedics		
Type by speaking		
Block nuisance calls		

Which phone do you have? (Look in Settings, under "About".)

2 Ask AI

If you have a device, try this prompt, with your own phone and feature.

TRY THIS PROMPT

I have an iPhone 13. Please show me how to make the text bigger, in short numbered steps, in plain English. Please give me one step at a time, and wait for me to say "done" before giving the next one.

3 Wrong phone?

An iPhone user got this answer. What's gone wrong?

EXAMPLE AI ANSWER

1. Swipe down from the top of the screen and tap the gear icon.
2. Tap Display.
3. Tap Font size and style.
4. Drag the slider to the right.

4 If you get stuck

Write what you could say to AI if a step doesn't match what you see.

5 Good habits

- Say exactly which phone you have. Steps differ between makes and models.
- Ask for one step at a time.
- You can't break your phone by looking in Settings. Take your time.

> **No device?** In pairs, explain to your partner how to do one thing on your phone, step by step, without touching their phone.

Find out more: read the free step-by-step guide, with a 10-second video, at **nosebleed.si/ideas/learn-a-new-phone-feature**

Teacher notes: Learn a new phone feature

Time: 45 to 60 minutes

Level: beginners; no AI experience needed

Group: any size; works well in pairs

You'll need: a copy per learner; phones or tablets with an AI chat app (optional)

Before the session

Try the prompt with your own phone. Learners with different phones get different steps, which makes the point well. Have a helper on hand for one-to-one help.

Running order

5 min	**Warm-up.** What we'd like phones to do.
10 min	**Part 1.** Choose a feature; find the phone model.
20 min	**Parts 2 and 3.** Try the prompt, then the wrong-phone answer.
10 min	**Part 4.** When a step doesn't match.
5 min	**Wrap-up.** Which phone, one step at a time.

Answers: Part 3

These steps are for an **Android** phone (a gear icon after swiping down; "Font size and style" on some Android phones). The AI didn't use the phone the user mentioned, or the user didn't say. On an iPhone, the setting is in the Settings app, under Display & Brightness, or Accessibility.

Part 4: an example

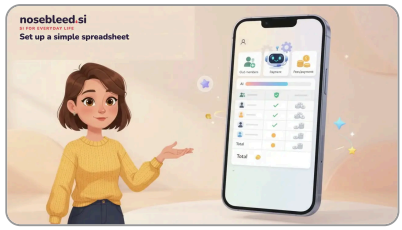
"I can't see 'Display'. I can see Sound, Wallpaper and Battery. What should I tap?" Describing what you see helps AI correct itself.

Discussion points

- Menus change when phones update, so even good steps can be slightly out of date.
- Emergency information can be shown on the lock screen, so paramedics can see it.

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Set up a simple spreadsheet



Use AI to set out a simple spreadsheet, with neat columns and a total that adds itself up, then check the total.

By the end, you'll be able to:

- plan the columns a spreadsheet needs
- use AI to explain how to set it up
- check a formula adds up the right cells

Warm-up What would you keep track of?

Talk about it with your group. Savings for a holiday? Club money? Allotment costs? Birthdays? Where do you keep track now?

1 Plan the columns

Bill wants to keep track of his allotment costs. Which columns would help? Write a heading in each box.

A spreadsheet is a grid. Each box is a **cell**, named by its column letter and row number, like **B3**.

What else could Bill use a spreadsheet for?

2 Ask AI to set it up

If you have a device, try this prompt.

TRY THIS PROMPT

I'd like a simple spreadsheet to track my allotment costs this year. I've never used one before. Please suggest the columns, and explain, step by step, how to add a total at the bottom that adds itself up. Use a free spreadsheet app.

3 Check the total

Here is Bill's spreadsheet. The total in cell B7 uses the formula **=SUM(B2:B5)**.

	A	B
1	**Item**	**Cost**
2	Rent for the plot	£40.00
3	Seeds	£18.50
4	Compost	£24.00
5	Netting	£12.00
6	New hoe	£15.99
7	**Total**	**£94.50**

What should the total be? _____

What's wrong with the formula? _____

What should it be? _____

Show your working:

4 Your spreadsheet

Choose something to keep track of. Plan the columns, and write a prompt asking AI to help you set it up.

5 Good habits

- Check totals with a calculator the first time.
- When you add a new row, check it's included in the total.
- Ask AI: "What does this formula do?" if you're not sure.

> **No device?** In pairs, draw a spreadsheet on paper for tracking holiday savings. Label the columns, and add a total.

Find out more: read the free step-by-step guide, with a 10-second video, at **nosebleed.si/ideas/set-up-a-simple-spreadsheet**

Teacher notes: Set up a simple spreadsheet

Time: 45 to 60 minutes

Group: any size; works well in pairs

Level: beginners; no AI experience needed

You'll need: a copy per learner; calculators; phones, tablets or computers with an AI chat app and a spreadsheet app (optional)

Before the session

Try the prompt yourself. Several companies offer free spreadsheet apps; any will do. If you have a projector, show a spreadsheet on screen.

Running order

5 min	**Warm-up.** What we'd track.
10 min	**Part 1.** Columns and cells.
20 min	**Parts 2 and 3.** Try the prompt, then check the total.
10 min	**Part 4.** Plan their own.
5 min	**Wrap-up.** Check the total includes every row.

Answers: Part 1

For example: date; item; cost; where bought; notes.

Answers: Part 3

The total should be **£110.49**. The formula adds B2 to B5, so it misses the hoe in B6 (£15.99). It should be **=SUM(B2:B6)**.

Jargon

Cell: one box in the grid.
Formula: a sum the spreadsheet works out, starting with "=".
SUM: adds up a range of cells. B2:B6 means B2 to B6.

Discussion points

- A missed row is one of the most common spreadsheet mistakes.

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