



Lesson Planning & Content Creation

Using AI to save time and enhance the quality of your teaching materials

Creating differentiated, engaging lesson content is one of the most time-consuming parts of an educator's role. Generative AI tools can help you produce draft lesson plans, learning objectives, discussion questions, and differentiated materials in a fraction of the usual time — freeing you up for the work that only a skilled educator can do. Teachers who use AI tools for planning report saving an average of **5–6 hours per week**.

RECOMMENDED TOOLS



GENERAL PURPOSE AI **ChatGPT**

The most widely used AI assistant. Excellent for drafting lesson plans, generating discussion questions, creating quizzes, and producing materials across any subject or level.



LONG-FORM & NUANCED CONTENT **Claude**

Ideal for longer, more nuanced educational content. Strong at designing complex tasks, writing detailed explanations, and producing well-structured learning materials.



GOOGLE WORKSPACE INTEGRATION **Google Gemini**

Integrates directly with Google Docs, Slides, and Classroom. Useful for generating lesson content that feeds into your existing Google Workspace environment.



PURPOSE-BUILT FOR EDUCATORS **MagicSchool.ai**

Designed specifically for teachers. Includes dedicated tools for lesson planning, differentiation, IEP support, behaviour emails, and student report writing — all in one place.

GUIDELINES FOR GOOD PRACTICE

✓ DO

- ✓ Specify subject, year group, duration, and learning outcomes in your prompt
- ✓ Ask AI to differentiate materials for different ability levels in the same class
- ✓ Request multiple variations of activities and select the most suitable

✗ DON'T

- ✗ Publish or distribute AI content without reviewing it for accuracy first
- ✗ Assume the AI knows your specific curriculum framework — state it explicitly
- ✗ Use AI-generated content verbatim — personalise it for your class context

- ✓ Use AI to refresh and update existing lesson materials, not just create from scratch
- ✓ Treat AI output as a first draft — always review and adapt for your specific students

- ✗ Skip the pedagogical review — not everything AI suggests reflects sound practice
- ✗ Enter students' personal data or identifying information into AI tools

TRY THIS PROMPT

📋 COPY & PASTE INTO CHATGPT OR CLAUDE

"You are an experienced secondary school teacher in Ireland. Create a **40-minute lesson plan** for a **5th Year English class** on the theme of unreliable narrators, using **The Great Gatsby**. Include: clear learning outcomes, a 5-minute starter activity, a main task with clear instructions, and a differentiated extension activity for higher-ability students. Align to the **Leaving Certificate English syllabus** and note where higher-order thinking is required."