# Evaluative Framework for AI tools

| **Evaluation Area** | **Key Questions** |
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| **1. Relevance of tool** | * How does this tool compare to alternatives? * Is it the best tool for your purpose? * How does it impact on skill acquisition? |
| **2. Prompting and input rights** | * Tip: Use TAP & TASTE for effective prompting. * Are your prompts or inputs added to the service? * Do you provide the vendor with rights to your inputs? * Do you need to be the rights owner of any inputs? * Do you have ethical approval to input your research data? |
| **3. Outputs** | | * How useful is the output? * Are the outputs accurate? * Are there any limits on what you can do with outputs? |
| **4. Policy compliance and ethics** | * Does use of the tool comply with funder policies? * Does use of the tool comply with publisher policies? * Does it comply with institutional policies? * Does use of the tool raise any ethical concerns? * Is my choice of tool the most environmentally sustainable option? |
| **5. Corpus** | * Is the underlying data suitable for your needs? * Is it transparent what the model has been trained on? * What bias may be in the corpus? * Are the date periods for the corpus suitable for your needs? |
| **6. Costs** | * How much does the tool cost? * Do you have institutional access? * What would you do if high charges started to be charged for a free product? |
| **7. Terms, conditions & data security** | Do the terms and conditions raise any issues regarding:   * Intellectual Property rights of inputs/outputs? * Accessibility standards not being met? * Are you indemnifying the supplier? * UK Data protection laws not being met?   Go to our AI Tools Licensing Review Guidance {link to page} for more information on how to review terms and conditions of AI tools that you have identified and would now like to register for or purchase. |

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