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FROM BLANK PAGE TO ORIGINAL IDEAS: THE EFFECT OF GENERATIVE AI ON IDEA GENERATION IN SECOND LANGUAGE WRITING

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ОТ ЧИСТОГО ЛИСТА К ОРИГИНАЛЬНЫМ ИДЕЯМ: ВЛИЯНИЕ ГЕНЕРАТИВНОГО ИИ НА ГЕНЕРАЦИЮ ИДЕЙ В ПРОЦЕССЕ ПИСЬМА НА ВТОРОМ ЯЗЫКЕ

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Abstract: The article explores how Generative AI minimizes the cognitive load and "blank page anxiety" of EFL learners during initial pre-writing stages. Utilizing an empirical tracking model at TIIAME NRU, the operational shift from static brainstorming to dynamic algorithmic conceptualization is systematically evaluated.

Annotatsiya: Maqolada ingliz tilini xorijiy til sifatida o‘rganuvchi (EFL) talabalarda boshlang‘ich yozish bosqichidagi kognitiv yuklama va "oq sahifa qo‘rquvi"ni kamaytirishda generativ sun’iy intellektning o‘rni o‘rganilgan. TIIAME MTU bazasidagi empirik kuzatuvlar yordamida g‘oyalar shakllanishining raqamli transformatsiyasi tahlil etilgan.

Аннотация: В статье исследуется, как генеративный ИИ снижает когнитивную нагрузку и «страх чистого листа» у студентов на начальных этапах академического письма. На основе эмпирического мониторинга в НИУ ТИИИМСХ проанализирована цифровая трансформация процесса генерации идей.

Keywords: Blank page anxiety, idea generation, second language writing, Generative AI, cognitive load, prompt interaction, conceptual scaffolding, L2 composition, linguodidactics, ideation.
Kalit so‘zlar: Oq sahifa qo‘rquvi, g‘oyalar generatsiyasi, ikkinchi tilda yozuv, generativ sun’iy intellekt, kognitiv yuklama, prompt muloqoti, konseptual skaffolding, L2 kompozitsiyasi, lingvodidaktika.

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Introduction

One of the most persistent psychological and cognitive bottlenecks in second language (L2) writing pedagogy is the initial stage of text composition, frequently referred to in psycholinguistics as "blank page anxiety" or writer's block. For English as a Foreign Language (EFL) learners, this challenge is doubled: they must simultaneously resolve conceptual problems (what to write) and linguistic constraints (how to express it). When faced with an open-ended academic or technical writing prompt, students often spend a disproportionate amount of their cognitive energy attempting to formulate a single starting concept. This delayed ideation process limits the time available for crucial later stages, such as rhetorical structuring, structural refinement, and critical self-correction.

The introduction of multimodal Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) and neural language modeling systems has introduced a new paradigm for solving this cognitive impasse. By acting as an interactive, real-time interlocutor, GenAI converts the static, individual process of brainstorming into a dynamic, algorithmic dialogue. Instead of facing an intimidating blank screen, language learners can prompt an AI to generate diverse semantic threads, contextual sub-topics, and lexical clusters within seconds.

In a high-tier research environment like the "Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers" National Research University (TIIAME NRU), where technical fluency must merge with advanced academic writing, this technological shift is highly consequential. Understanding how AI interaction affects the transformation of a blank page into an organized blueprint is essential for optimizing modern English language curricula. This study aims to trace the structural and psychological evolution of idea generation under AI-supported frameworks, measuring its specific effect on reducing cognitive load and enhancing conceptual confidence among L2 writers.

Materials and Methods

This investigation utilizes an empirical, process-oriented research design, incorporating synchronous tracking of student writing workflows, psychometric surveys evaluating writing anxiety scales, and a statistical pre-test/post-test matrix evaluated via the Student's t-test. The academic poydevor of this study crosses classic cognitive composition frameworks with contemporary digital linguodidactics.

The structural requirements for building professional and academic text-production strategies within the specialized higher education sectors of Uzbekistan were fundamentally structured by J. Jalolov, who emphasized that lexical readiness must precede functional syntax generation [1, P. 162]. Furthermore, the implementation of autonomous self-filtering mechanisms during technical communication cycles has been systematically explored by A. Nurmuhammedov [2, P. 94].

From a cognitive perspective, the classic writing model proposed by L. Flower and J.R. Hayes identifies "planning and ideation" as the primary user functions that draw heavy energy from working memory resources [3, P. 369]. In the context of modern educational technologies, the phenomenon of utilizing computing algorithms to spark semantic associative chains was pioneered in the CALL frameworks of Levy and developed further within modern AI writing models by Sullivan et al. [4, P. 114; 5, P. 87].

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To measure these dynamics directly, a controlled longitudinal study was conducted at TIIAME NRU with 50 advanced undergraduate engineering students engaged in a technical technical essay module. The experimental track utilized GenAI tools specifically as an "ideation launchpad" during the initial 15 minutes of writing, while the control track applied manual analog brainstorming procedures [6, P. 18].

Results

The empirical focus of the experiment was to measure how effectively the integration of Generative AI minimizes pre-writing delay and impacts the complexity of early outlines. Data collected via synchronous workflow observation monitored the precise time taken by students to transition from receiving the essay topic to writing their first complete thesis statement (ideation latency). Additionally, the depth of their initial idea maps was evaluated across an analytical 30-point scale measuring conceptual density, semantic breadth, and contextual alignment.

Table 1

Workflow Dynamics and Ideation Matrix Measurements Across Monitored Groups [3, P. 374; 6, P. 25]

Operational Indicators	**Analog Group (Control)**	**AI-Prompt Group (Experimental)**	**Net Shift Factor (%)**	**Statistical T-value**
Ideation Latency (Time to start, minutes)	14.6 min	**4.2 min**	-71.2%	$t=6.14^{**}$
Conceptual Density (Idea Depth Score)	16.5 / 30	**24.8 / 30**	+50.3%	$t=4.89^{**}$
Linguistic Confidence (Anxiety Drop Scale)	12.4 / 30	**23.1 / 30**	+86.2%	$t=5.32^{**}$
Lexical Variety Score (TTR Percentage)	52.4%	**61.8%**	+17.9%	$t=2.45^{*}$

* Significant at $p \leq 0.05$; ** Highly significant at $p \leq 0.01$.

The statistical outputs recorded in Table 1 reveal a monumental acceleration in the operational mechanics of the writing process for the experimental group. Most notably, **Ideation Latency** dropped by an astonishing **71.2%**, decreasing from an analog mean of 14.6 minutes down to a streamlined **4.2 minutes** in the AI-prompt cohort (t=6.14). This reduction proves that interactive prompting successfully bypasses the cognitive stagnation responsible for traditional writer's block.

Simultaneously, the quality of the concepts generated experienced a substantial expansion. **Conceptual Density** scores rose by **50.3%** within the experimental framework, reaching a mean of 24.8 points (t=4.89). Rather than limiting their scope to predictable themes, students interacting with AI were able to integrate multi-faceted technical matrices into their outlines, drawing connections between agricultural sustainability and macroeconomic policies.

Furthermore, psychometric mapping showed an **86.2%** increase in **Linguistic Confidence** scores (t=5.32), indicating that having an algorithmic outline prepared significantly mitigates the

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affective barriers that typically impede L2 text production. Finally, the **Lexical Variety Score** (measured via Type-Token Ratio - TTR) improved by +17.9%, demonstrating that the vocabulary scaffolding provided during the initial phase successfully enriched the linguistic diversity of the final compositions.

Discussion

The empirical findings generated through the TIIAME NRU pedagogical tracking trials confirm that Generative AI tools introduce a transformative cognitive shift by re-engineering how L2 writers handle working memory demands. According to the cognitive process theory formulated by L. Flower and J.R. Hayes, the human working memory face a high cognitive strain when forced to generate ideas and manage syntax constraints simultaneously [3, P. 382]. By utilizing AI as a conceptual launchpad, students effectively offload the initial ideation burden onto the algorithm. This offloading clears up cognitive space, allowing learners to focus their mental energy on linguistic precision, logical transitions, and academic formatting [1, P. 174].

However, the pedagogical value of this method depends entirely on the conversational format of the prompt interaction. As Sullivan et al. noted, if a student simply requests a complete essay from an AI, the cognitive benefit drops to zero, resulting in a loss of learner agency [5, P. 104]. In our experimental design, the AI was positioned strictly as a "Socratic dialogue partner." Students were trained to input targeted exploratory prompts ("What are the overlooked environmental factors in modern drop-irrigation systems?"), evaluate the output critically, filter out irrelevant data, and organize the valid concepts into their personal outlines [6, P. 41].

This selective filtering process requires a high degree of meta-cognitive awareness. While the AI successfully provides the initial spark to move from a blank page to a structured blueprint, the human writer must remain the ultimate architect of the text's critical voice. Therefore, modern L2 writing instruction at the university level should move away from prohibiting digital tools and instead implement structured frameworks that teach advanced prompting strategies [4, P. 132]. By treating AI as a cognitive catalyst rather than an automated author, educators can significantly reduce student writing anxiety while preserving academic authenticity.

Conclusion

The process-oriented empirical analysis of Generative AI's role in the initial phases of EFL composition leads to the following conclusions:

First, Generative AI tools serve as highly effective cognitive enhancers that drastically reduce ideation latency (-71.2%), providing an immediate solution to traditional "blank page anxiety" among L2 writers.

Second, interactive prompt manipulation expands the conceptual density (+50.3%) and lexical variety (+17.9%) of initial outlines, enabling students to organize complex, multi-layered technical arguments.

Third, to secure long-term pedagogical efficacy, higher education language models must move toward a balanced scaffolding approach. In this framework, AI is utilized strictly to stimulate human associative thinking, ensuring that final textual ownership and critical voice remain with the student.

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