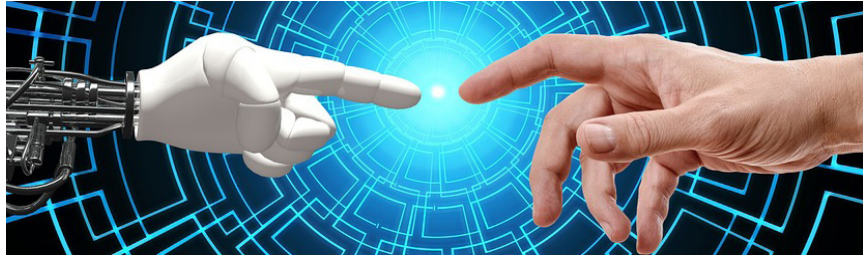# AI — My New Best Friend

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BEFORE YOU READ: Share what you know about artificial intelligence (AI). What are some examples of how you use it in everyday life?

An Immigrant Faces Many Challenges

Coming to the U.S. is a dream for most people, especially those who are living in a hard situation in their home country. Many opportunities are available in the U.S., and a good future seems to be waiting for you. However, being an immigrant is harder than anyone can imagine. It's challenging to achieve your goals and take care of your family.

In fact, during your first days, months, and even years as an immigrant, you need to be brave. You have to confront so many obstacles. You need to face your fears. Your biggest fear is that you will not succeed. It's like you are in a fight with yourself, and losing is not allowed.

AI Can Help

I came to the U.S. full of hope, but life was not so easy. It was very hard to adapt. I didn't know anyone here so I didn't have any information about anything. Fortunately, I found artificial intelligence (AI). It was my guide for everything. It became my new best friend.

By asking a simple question, I got a lot of useful information. I used it to look for work, to find free ESL programs in my city, to find the nearest store, and to provide clear information about products.

In addition, AI helped me improve my communication skills. I used it to find free apps to practice my English. I even talked to AI in English. It was like my friend. We talked about different topics. Sometimes, I chose the topic.

Other times, AI chose the topic. It corrected my grammar mistakes and showed me how to spell words. If I needed to write an email to someone, I asked AI for help.

Before using AI, I wasted my time looking in many forums and navigating the internet to find useful information. Now, I use AI to summarize the information that is on the internet. For example, I am using AI to buy a car. AI gives me reliable summaries of reviews. It helps me compare prices and find good deals.

But Be Careful!

AI is indeed a *double-edged sword*. It could recommend fake websites that try to trick you into giving away sensitive and personal information. Also, people will use AI to try to cheat you or scam you. You have to be aware! But don't let that scare you! AI is a fantastic technology that you can use to make your life easier.

AFTER YOU READ:

1. The author says that AI is her new best friend. How does she back up her claim? Are you convinced? Why or why not?

2. The author uses figurative language, a *double-edged sword,* to describe AI. What does she mean?

3. If you use AI, in what ways do you need to be careful?

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