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Generative AI refers to artificial intelligence systems that can create new content-such as text, images, audio, and more-based on the instructions (prompts) given by the user.

What it can do for teachers:

- Create lesson plans in seconds
- Generate classroom visuals like posters or diagrams
- Write creative stories or worksheets
- Summarize or simplify difficult concepts
- Provide quick student feedback

Tools to try:

- 1. ChatGPT (chat.openai.com) Text generation, lesson help, quizzes
- 2. Google Gemini (gemini.google.com) Web-integrated content creation
- 3. DeepSeek Understand and answer from images and documents
- 4. Canva AI Turn prompts into worksheet and poster designs
- 5. DALL-E Create educational images based on text
- 6. Adobe Firefly Copyright-safe content for classrooms

Prompt Example:

"Create a lesson plan for Grade 4 on types of energy, with a group activity."

Start small, stay curious, and explore what AI can do FOR your teaching-not in place of it!