Monkey Score

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Monkey Score: helping teenagers learn with AI instead of just copying

Leipzig-based founder launches a browser extension that shows young people how much they think for themselves when working with ChatGPT, Gemini and Claude

Leipzig, Germany, November 2026. For many students AI is already part of everyday life: for homework, presentations and exam preparation. Whether they actually learn anything along the way is hard for them to see. Monkey Score is a new browser extension that makes exactly this visible. It measures whether AI answers are really read and how students respond: asking, questioning, adding their own ideas or simply accepting. The result is shown as a banana, from “mushy brown” to “ripe yellow”.

The background: studies find that young people in particular tend to hand their thinking over to AI and think less critically as a result. A study with nearly 1,000 high school students (PNAS, 2025) showed that students who practised with a plain AI chat did worse afterwards without AI than peers who never had it. When the AI only gave hints instead of answers, the effect hardly appeared.

“AI delivers more in seconds than you can possibly take in. Again and again I have watched how quickly you slip into a mode where you produce an incredible amount but hardly check anything or think for yourself,” says founder Ira Berg. “Teenagers are growing up with this pace. Monkey Score is meant to help them keep track and use AI as a thinking partner, not a shortcut. Without surveillance, without grades and without a single text leaving the device.”

Students collect golden bananas for real thinking and level up to level 40. There are deliberately no leaderboards or comparisons, and no access for parents or teachers: the score belongs only to the person using it. Everything is analysed locally, only numbers are stored, and there is no account, no ads and no tracking.

Schools can download a ready-made lesson plan, a handout for parents and a flyer for students at monkey-score.com/schools.html. Monkey Score is available in English and German, free for Chrome, Edge, Firefox and Safari on Mac, including Chromebooks.

Fact sheet

- Name: Monkey Score
- Goal: building young people’s AI literacy, thinking instead of copying
- Audience: teenagers from 13, university students, schools and parents
- Type: browser extension for ChatGPT, Gemini and Claude
- Platforms: Chrome, Edge, Firefox (free, incl. Chromebook), Safari on Mac (free)
- Privacy: local analysis, no texts stored, no account, no data for parents or teachers
- For schools: lesson plan, handout, flyer
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