How to connect EvidencIA to Claude, ChatGPT and Gemini

Step by step, with screenshots from October 2026

EvidencIA brings together curated evidence on AI in education and the science of learning. Once it is connected, your assistant cites the studies with their links and says how strong the evidence is. The connector address is the same for every assistant and needs no password:

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https://mcp.redevidencia.org/mcp
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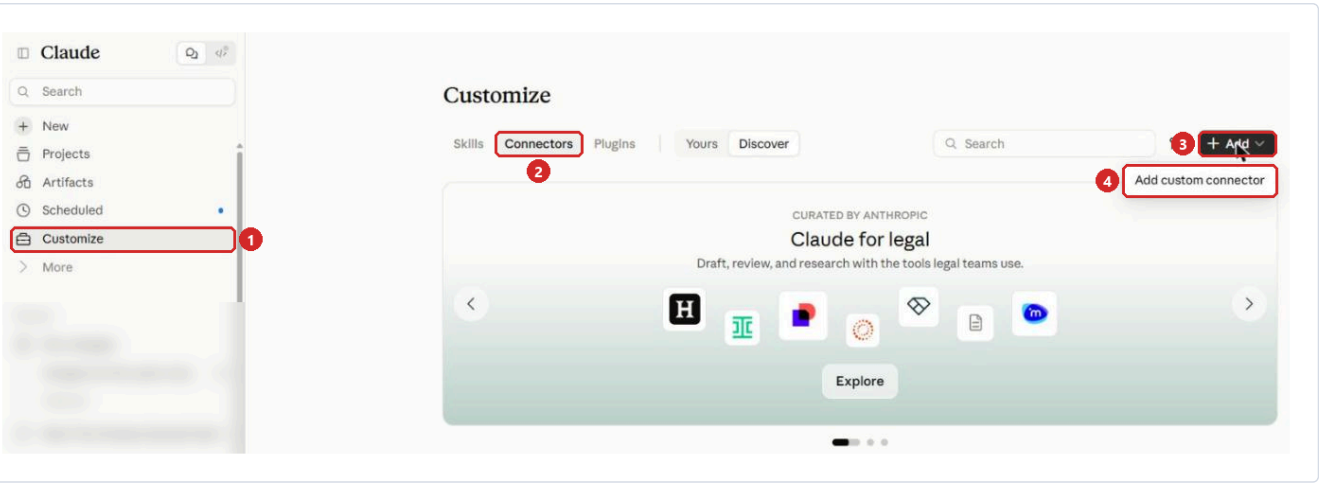
The address starts with **mcp.** Do not use redevidencia.org/mcp: that is the network's website and it will not connect.

In each screenshot, the numbered red box shows where to click.

Claude (claude.ai or the desktop app)

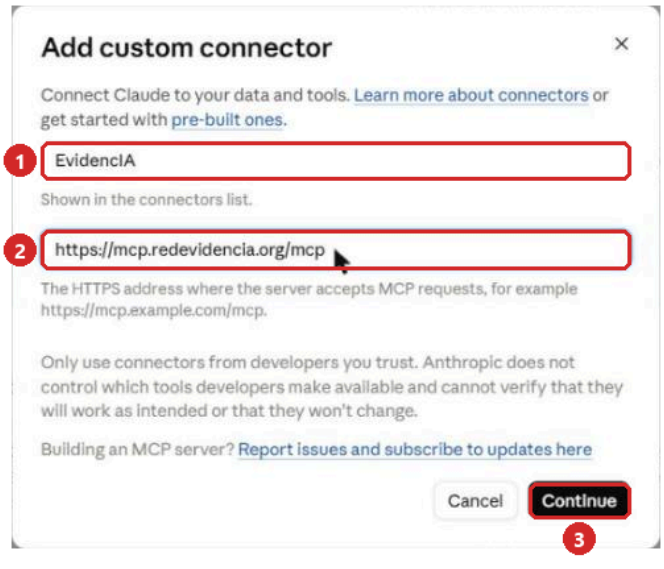
Step 1 Add the connector

1 In the sidebar, open **Customize**. 2 Go to **Connectors**. 3 Click **Add** 4 and choose **Add custom connector**.



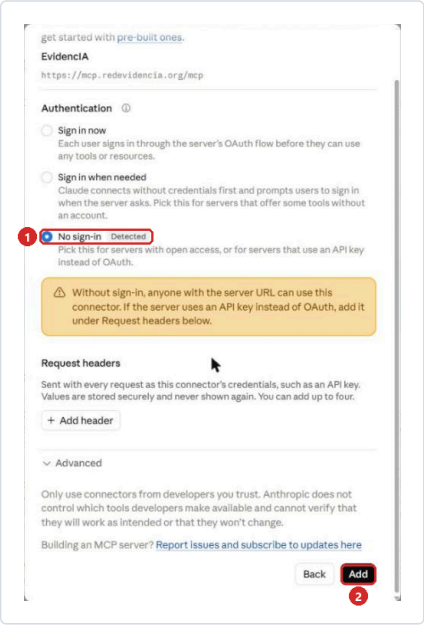
Step 2 Enter the name and address

1 Name: **EvidencIA**. 2 Address: `https://mcp.redevidencia.org/mcp`. 3 Click **Continue**.



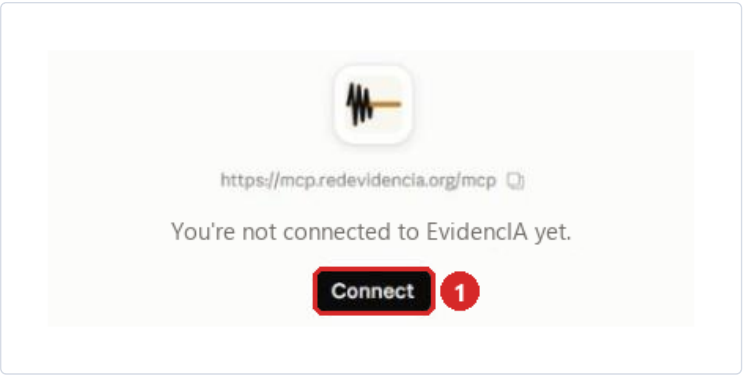
Step 3 Keep it without a password

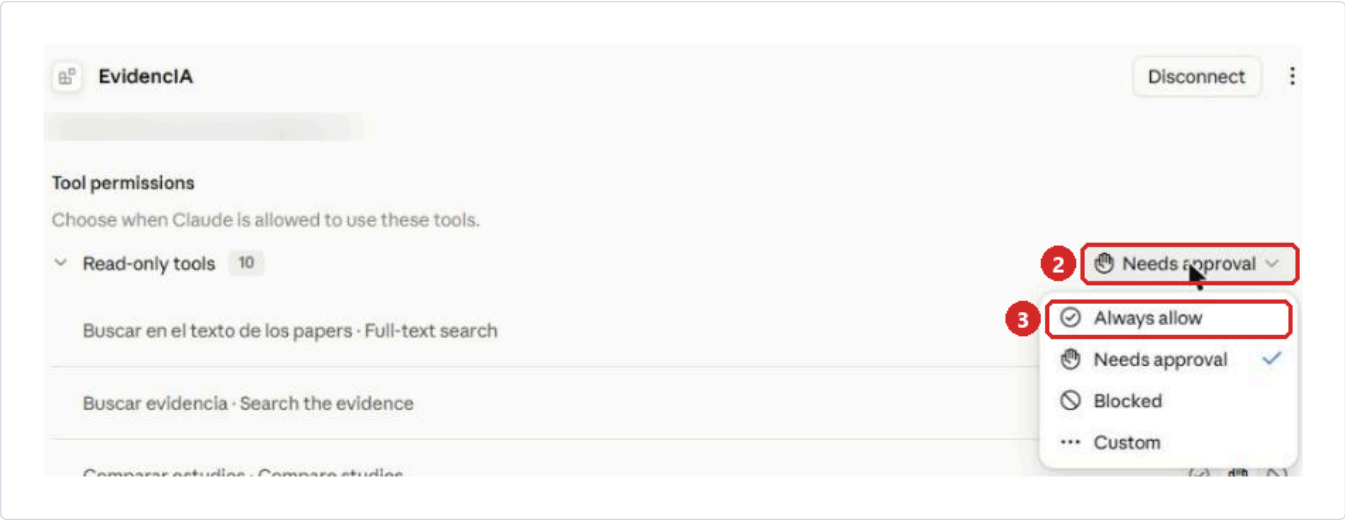
1 Under **Authentication**, Claude already selects **No sign-in** (marked *Detected*): leave it. 2 Scroll to the bottom and click **Add**.



Step 4 Connect it

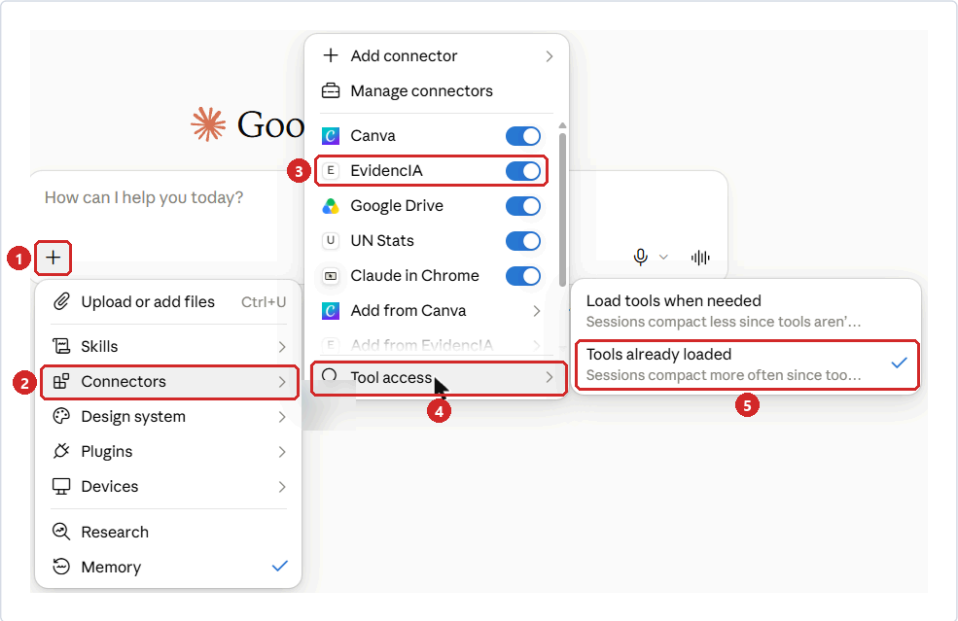
1 Claude shows *You're not connected to EvidenciA yet*: click **Connect**. The ten EvidenciA tools appear. So that it does not ask for permission every time, 2 open **Needs approval** next to **Read-only tools** 3 and choose **Always allow**.





Step 5 **Turn it on in the chat**

In a new chat, 1 click +, 2 go to **Connectors** and 3 check that EvidencIA is on. 4 Under **Tool access**, 5 choose **Tools already loaded**.

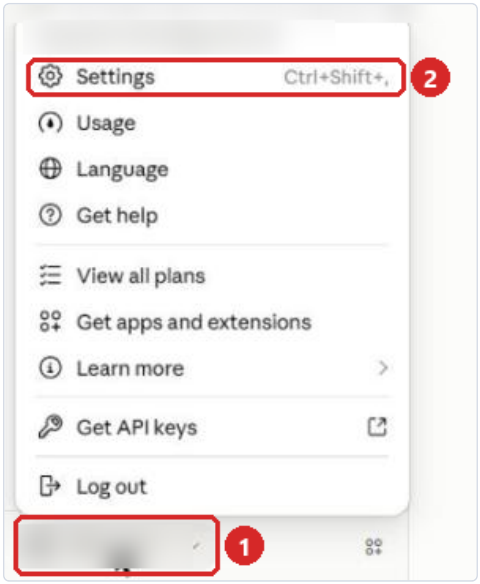


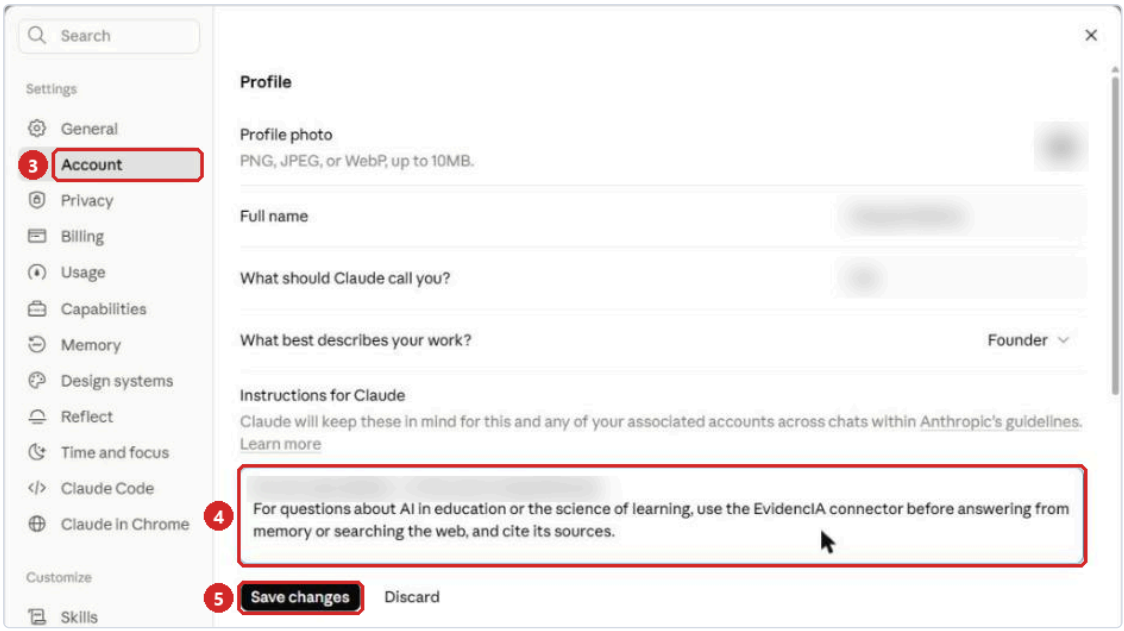
Step 6 Ask it to always use it

Without this step, Claude sometimes answers from memory even with EvidencIA turned on. 1 At the bottom left, click your name. 2 Choose **Settings**. 3 Go to **Account**. 4 In the **Instructions for Claude** box, paste this line below whatever you already have:

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For questions about AI in education or the science of learning, use the EvidencIA connector before answering from memory or searching the web, and cite its sources.
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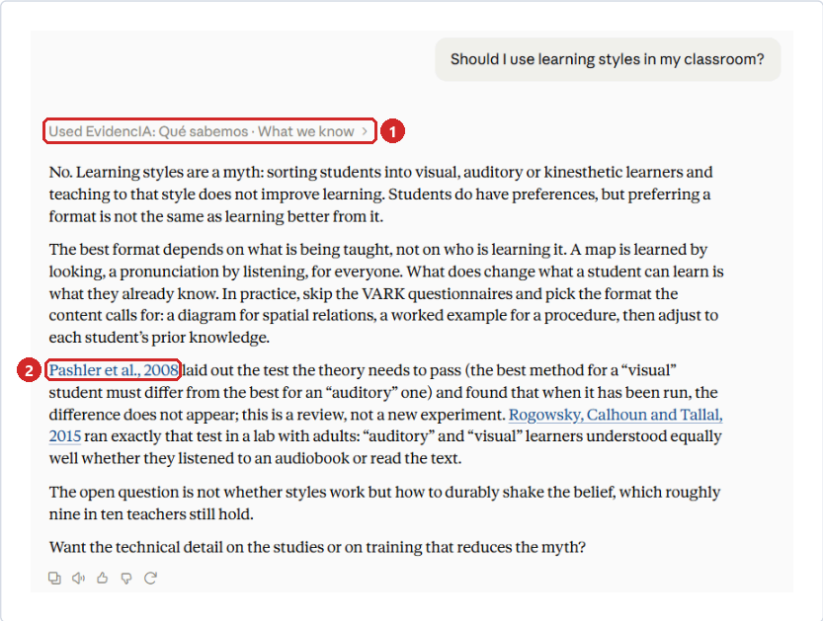
5 Click **Save changes**, which appears below the box as soon as you type.





Step 7 Try it

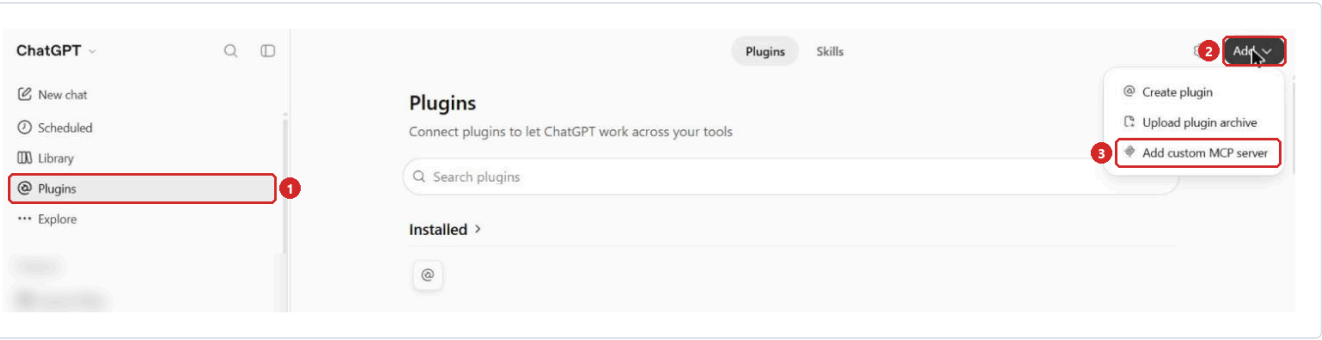
Ask, for example, *Should I use learning styles in my classroom?* (1) Above the answer you should see **Used EvidencIA**, and (2) the studies it cites should be linked.



ChatGPT (paid plan; tested with Plus)

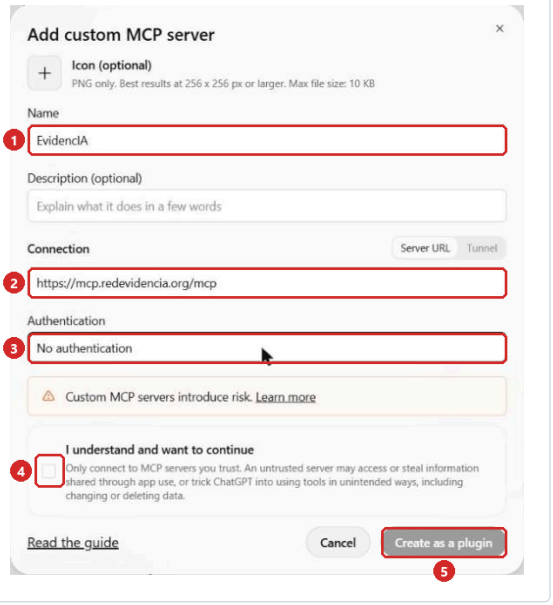
Step 1 Add the server

1 In the sidebar, open **Plugins**. 2 Click **Add** 3 and choose **Add custom MCP server**.



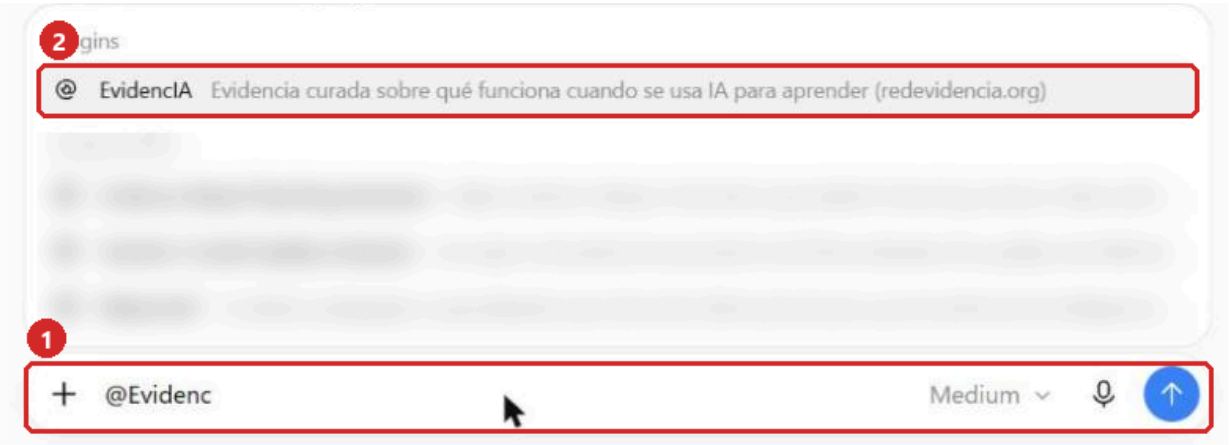
Step 2 Fill in the form

1 Name: **EvidencIA**. 2 Server URL: `https://mcp.redevidencia.org/mcp`. 3 Authentication: **No authentication**. 4 Tick **I understand and want to continue**. 5 Click **Create as a plugin**. The first time, ChatGPT asks you to confirm the connection.



Step 3 **Call it in the chat**

In a conversation, 1 type **@EvidencIA** and 2 pick it from the list. You can also turn it on from the **+** menu.

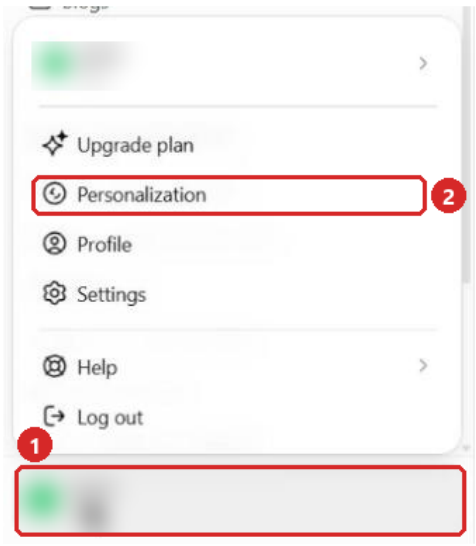


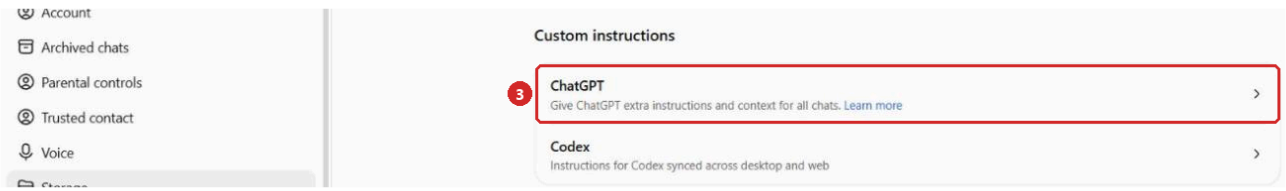
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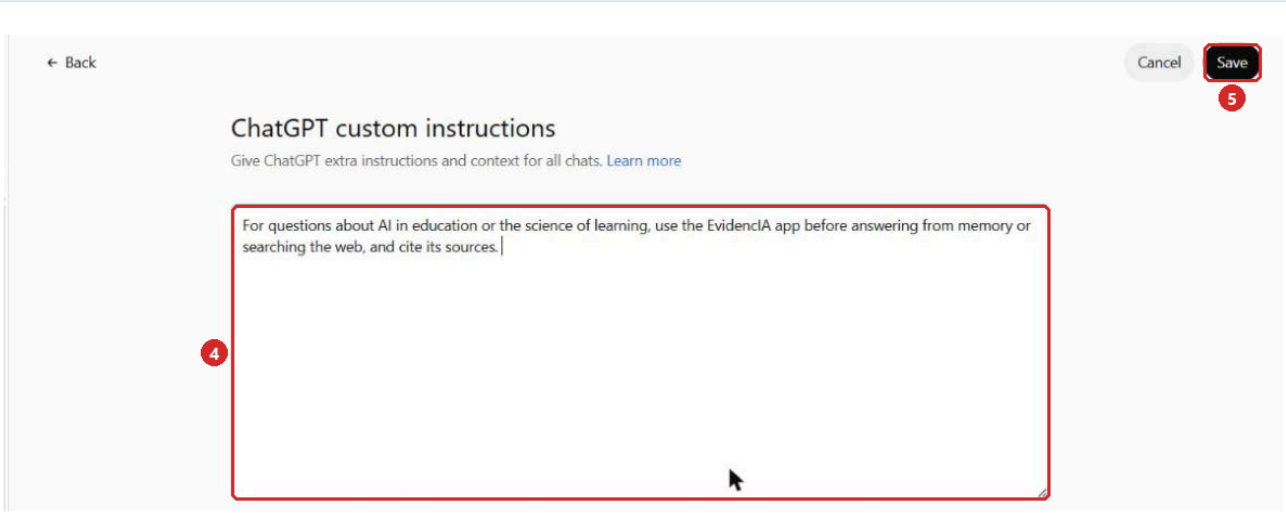
Without this step, ChatGPT sometimes searches the web or answers from memory. 1 At the bottom left, click your name. 2 Choose **Personalization**. 3 Under **Custom instructions**, open **ChatGPT**. 4 Paste this line in the box:

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5 Click **Save**, at the top right.

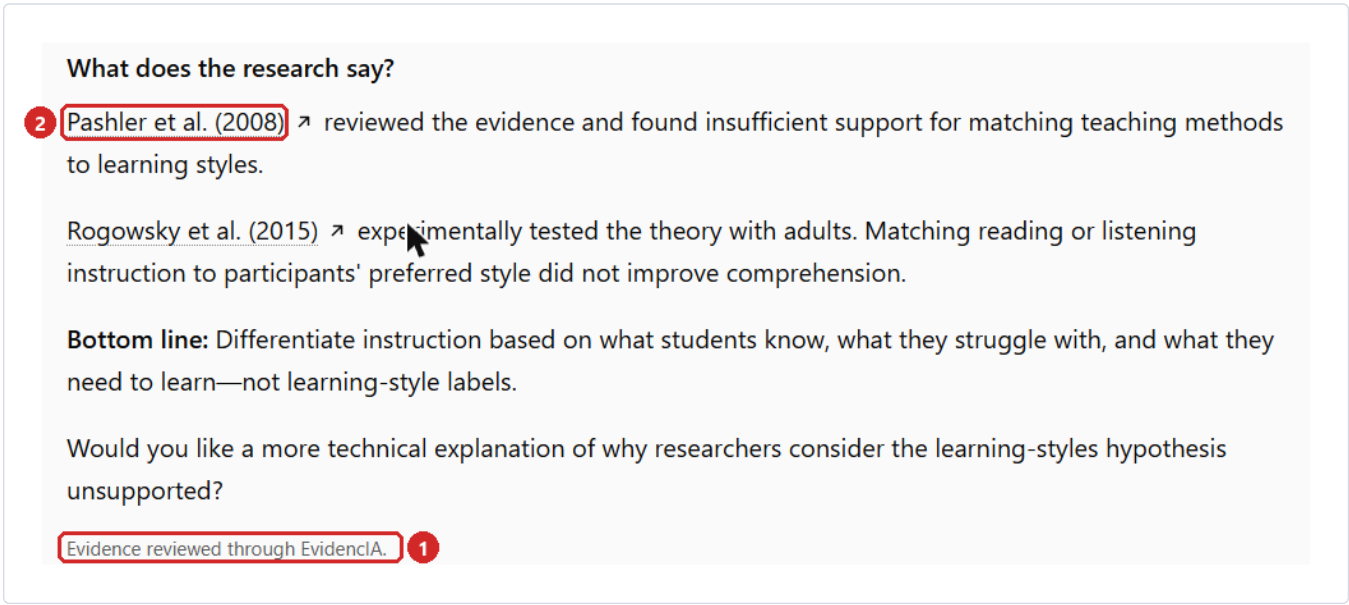






Step 5 **Try it**

Ask the same question. 1 The answer says the evidence came from EvidencIA and 2 cites the studies with their links.



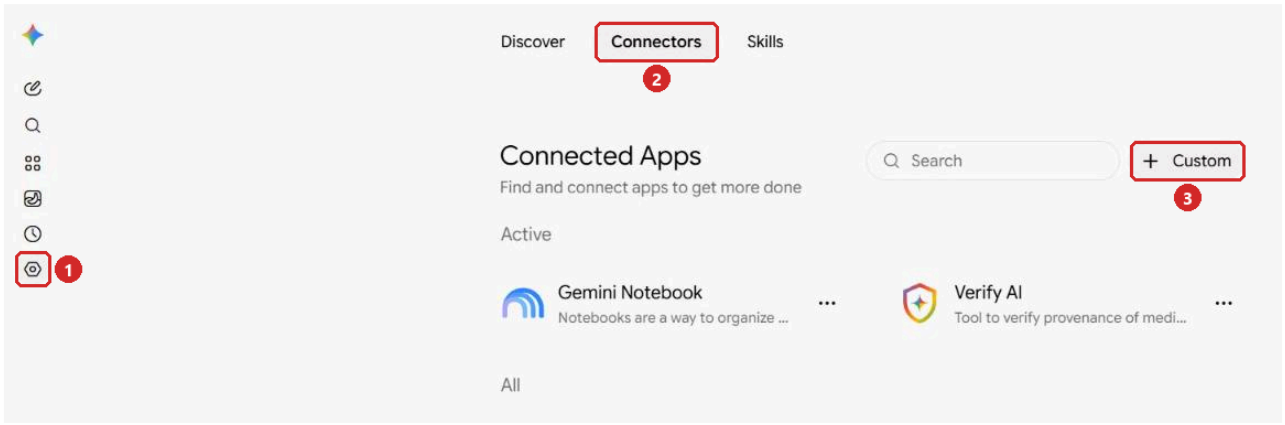
Tools last updated on 17 October 2026. If you connected EvidencIA before that date, or if ChatGPT says the connector returned an error, refresh it once: in the side menu open **Plugins**, choose **EvidencIA**, click **Manage** and then 1 **Refresh tools**. You only need to do it again if this date changes; if you do, ChatGPT will also tell you at the end of an answer.



Gemini (gemini.google.com)

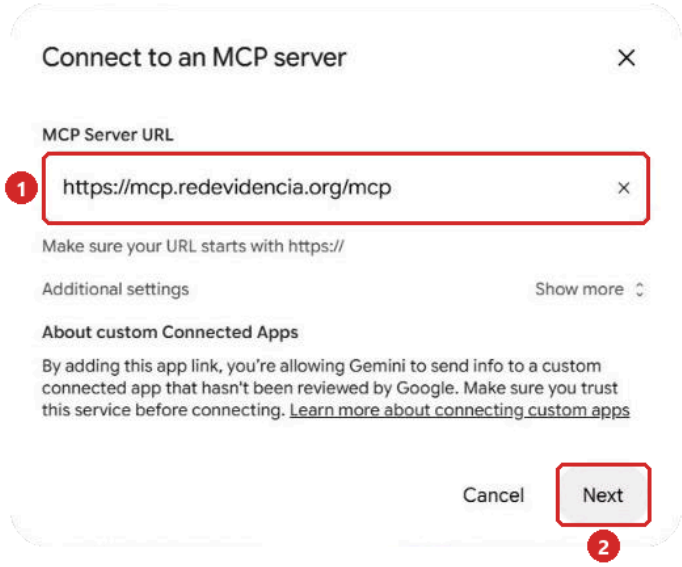
Step 1 Open connected apps

1 In `gemini.google.com`, open **Settings** (at the bottom of the side menu) and go to **Connected Apps**; if it is not there, open **Personal Intelligence** first. 2 Under **Custom apps**, click **Add a custom app**. On some accounts the same option is called **Customize**, **Connectors** and **+ Custom**, as in the screenshot.



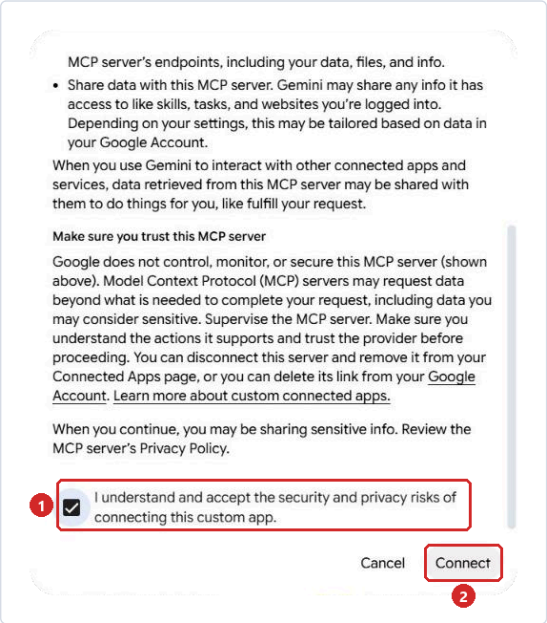
Step 2 Paste the address

1 In **MCP Server URL**, paste `https://mcp.redevidencia.org/mcp`. 2 Click **Next**.



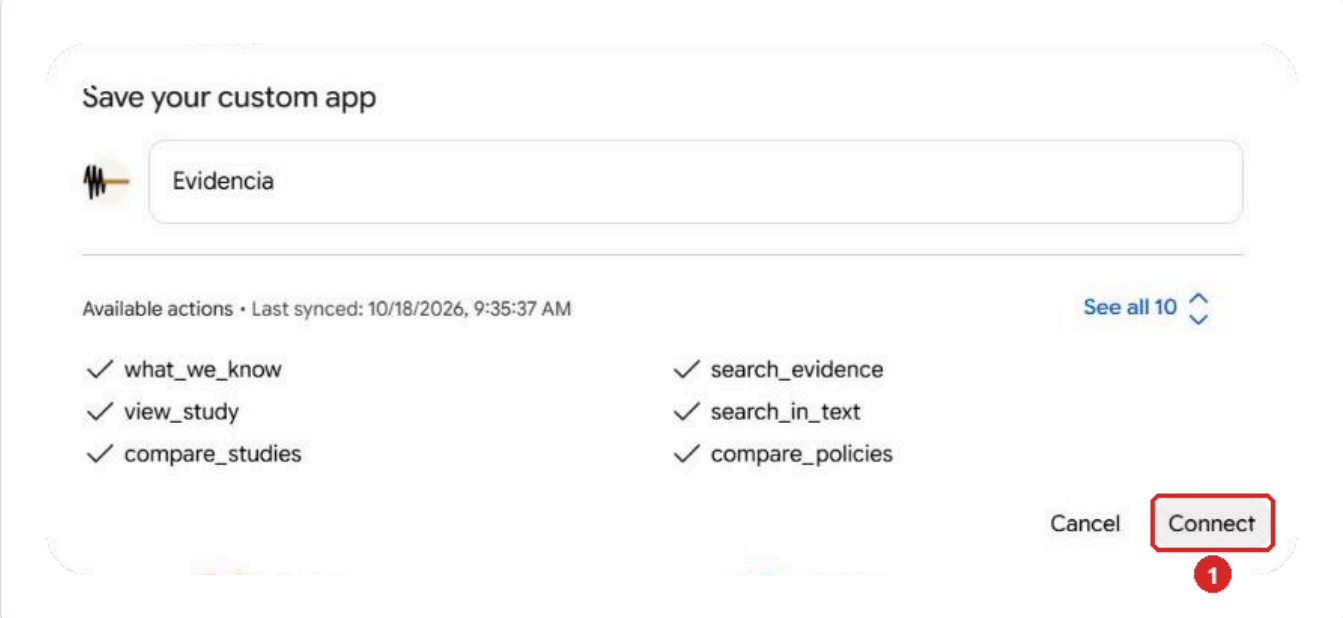
Step 3 Accept and connect

Gemini explains what a custom connector can do. EvidencIA only reads public studies and documents and receives no personal data. 1 Scroll to the end and tick **I understand and accept the security and privacy risks**. 2 Click **Connect**.



Step 4 Save it

The ten EvidencIA tools appear. 1 Click **Connect**.



Step 5 Use it in the chat

In a conversation, 1 type **@Evid** and 2 choose **Evidencia** from the list. Then type your question, for example *@Evidencia does AI help student learning?* Always pick it from the list until it shows as a tag: if you only type "@Evidencia" without picking it, Gemini does not use it and searches the web instead. It is also available in the Gemini phone app.



> Google offers this to people 18 or older, with a personal Google account (not a work or school one) and with Gemini activity turned on (Keep Activity). If **Custom apps** does not appear under Connected Apps (or **+ Custom** under Connectors), your account does not have it yet.

Assistant menus change often. If you cannot find an option, look for "Connectors", "Plugins" or "MCP" in settings. More information and other ways to connect at **redevidencia.org**. Questions: **evidencia@worldbank.org**.