

Artificial Intelligence (AI) key words

This tip sheet helps you understand words and ideas about Artificial Intelligence (AI). It gives simple meanings for words you might hear or read when learning about or using AI.



How to use this tip sheet



Find a word

If you see a word about AI that you don't know, look for it in the glossary.



Read the meaning

Each word has a clear and easy meaning. Read it to understand the word better.



See examples

Some words have examples to show how they are used in real life.



Ask for help

If you still have questions after reading, ask a friend, family member or trusted person for more help.

Key words

Artificial Intelligence

What it means: Computers or machines that can think and learn.

Example: A computer that can play games or help you find information online.

2 Algorithm

What it means: A set of rules or steps that a computer follows to solve a problem.

Example: A recipe for baking a cake is like an algorithm for cooking.

Automated

What it means: Something that works by itself without a person. **Example:** Automatic doors that open when you walk towards them.

Chatbot

What it means: A computer program that you can ask questions of and will respond with answers

Example: Customer service bots on websites that help you find information.

5 Data

What it means: Information that computers use to learn and make decisions.

Example: Numbers, words, images, and videos are all types of information.

6 Facial Recognition

What it means: All that can identify people by their faces. **Example:** Unlocking your phone with your face.

7 Machine Learning

What it means: A type of AI where computers learn from information and improve over time.

Example: A computer that learns to recognise your face from photos.

Key words

8 Recommendation System

What it means: All that suggests things you might like based on your preferences.

Example: Netflix suggesting movies or shows you might enjoy watching.

9 Robot

What it means: A machine that can perform tasks automatically.

Example: A vacuum cleaner that cleans your house by itself.

Smart Assistant or Virtual Assistant

What it means: A device or app that uses AI to help you with tasks.

Example: Alexa or Google Assistant that can play music or set alarms for you.

11 Smart Home

What it means: A home with devices that use AI to make life easier.

Example: Lights that turn on when you enter a room or air conditioners that adjust the temperature automatically.

12 Speech Recognition

What it means: All that can understand a person speaking so it can do tasks.

Example: Talking to your smartphone and it typing the message for you or talking to Siri.

13 Translation

What it means: Using AI to convert text or speech from one language to another.

Example: Google Translate helps you understand words in different languages.