

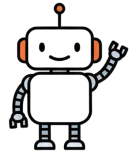


How to check an AI's count

A one-page checklist, in plain English

WHY IT MATTERS

Image AIs often get the number of objects wrong. We asked for ten doors and got twelve. Here is a quick way to catch it.

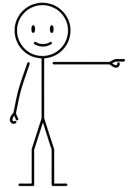


Ask for fewer objects

In a 2025 research paper, accuracy dropped as the number of objects grew. So when the number matters, a small number is easier to check.

Try: "Exactly five doors" instead of "ten doors".

Our suggestion, not a tested rule.



Say where things go

A simple layout is easier to check by eye. General good practice, and it worked for us once.

Try: "Exactly five doors in a single row."



Count it yourself

Point at each item once and say the number out loud. Do not trust the AI's own count.

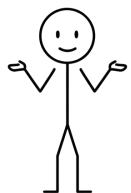
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Don't count on rewording

The same paper's exploratory test found that rewording the prompt generally did not improve counting. If the count is wrong, generate again or fix it by hand.

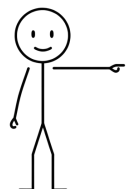
Our one success is not a guarantee.



Check numbers in text too

Ask for a numbered list, one item per line, so you can check it. For totals, use a calculator or spreadsheet.

General good practice.



Rule of thumb: the AI makes it. You count it.