

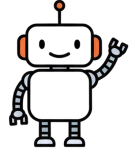


JUDGE THE WHOLE CAR, NOT JUST THE ENGINE

A one-page checklist, in plain English

WHY IT MATTERS

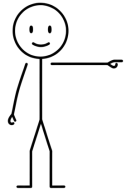
The same AI can feel smart in one app and dumb in another. One way to explain this is with an engine and a car: the AI model is the engine, and what is built around it is the car. Some people use the word "harness" for that car.



1 Name the two parts

Engine = the AI model. Car = everything built around it, like search and memory. Some people call the car the "harness".

People use different words for this, such as scaffold.



2 Ask what it can do besides talk

An AI that can look things up online can do more than one that only writes from what it already learned.

Try: Look in the app's help page or settings for search or file features.



3 Test its memory

Tell it a small fact, chat a bit, then ask for it back. Apps handle this differently.

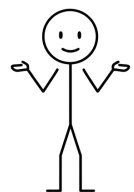
Try: "My cat is called Pip." Later: "What's my cat's name?"



4 Compare fairly

If two apps feel very different, the engine may not be the reason. The car around it can change the result.

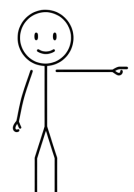
Hard to know for sure from the outside.



5 Still check what matters

A smooth car can still carry a wrong answer. For anything important, check it with a source you trust.

General good practice.



Same engine, different car, different ride.