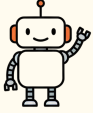


Spot an AI bluff

A one-page checklist, in plain English

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CHECKS



WHY IT MATTERS

An AI can give a wrong answer in a calm, sure voice. A made-up phone number looks just like a real one. These five habits help you catch it.

1

Sure is not proof

An AI can write an answer that is wrong but sounds fine. Experts call this a **hallucination**. How sure it sounds tells you nothing.

Try: Ask yourself: did it show any proof, or just sound sure?



2



Let it say I don't know

Tell the AI it is OK to admit when it is not sure. One AI maker's guide says this can cut false answers a lot.

Try: If you are not sure, say so. Do not guess.

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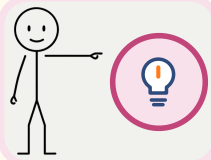
Ask for the source

Ask where the answer came from, then check the source is real. If it cannot point to anything, treat it as a guess. This is general good practice.

Try: Where did that come from? Show me the exact words.



4



Watch the believable ones

Phone numbers, names, dates and quotes are easy to make up and easy to believe. Be extra careful with these. This is our own rule of thumb.

5

Check what matters

These tricks help a lot, but they do not fix everything. If it matters, check it yourself.

Try: Look it up on the official page.



Rule of thumb: sounding sure is not proof. Allow 'I don't know', ask for the source, check what matters.