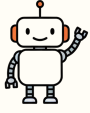


What happens after you press Enter

A one-page cheat sheet, in plain English

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CHECKS



WHY IT MATTERS

A chat can feel like one step: you type, an answer appears. Picture your question as a letter. In many chat apps it makes three stops first. Not every app works exactly the same way.

1

A hidden note is added

Chat apps often add instructions of their own before your question reaches the AI. The technical name is a **system prompt**. It isn't shown in your chat.

Try: Your question + the app's note go in together.



2



Words are cut into pieces

The AI works with small pieces called **tokens**. A token can be a whole word, part of a word, or even one character.

Try: A name like Whiskers might become a few pieces.

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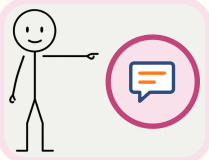
It guesses one piece at a time

The AI guesses the next piece, adds it, and guesses again. Each guess looks at everything written so far.

Try: Guess a piece. Add it. Guess again.



4



The answer is sent back in pieces

Chat apps can show each piece as soon as it is ready. That is why the answer can look like someone typing.



Rule of thumb: your question gets a hidden note, gets cut into pieces, and is answered one guess at a time.