

The TUTOR

“I won’t do it for you – but I can help you learn to do it!”



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AI can help you learn through interactive dialogue and personalised explanations.

It can break down complex ideas, ask you questions, and engage you with discussions, working at your pace.

Ask questions like you would with a new human tutor – be specific about your subject, level, and learning goals.

Use AI to enhance your learning process, not to bypass it.



The INTERN

“I’m happy to help – just don’t expect perfection!”



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AI is like an enthusiastic, always-available intern.

They have many skills like summarising, transcription, scheduling, creating visuals.

But they need clear, detailed, specific instructions to work effectively.

Keep in mind, they make mistakes, so you need enough expertise to check and correct their work.

Your AI intern can act as a helpful assistant, but you must develop and maintain your critical thinking skills and subject expertise.



You meet someone at a pub who seems very knowledgeable about your field.

They share impressive insights with complete confidence.

But, you don't know their credentials or even where the information comes from.

Would you cite (Pub Stranger, 2026) in your academic work?

Always verify AI outputs against citable academic research.



The STRANGER

"Nice chatting to you. Good luck with your work!"



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Generative AI acts like a “Semantic Translator” – changing form while preserving meaning.

It can simplify complex academic texts, define specialised terms, and summarise dense information.

It can even do this across different modes like text, speech, and images.

AI can help you to communicate academically, but the core ideas and arguments must be your own.

AI can remove some of the linguistic barriers to reading and writing, but not the need for critical thinking.



The TRANSLATOR

“I can help you understand and express ideas effectively!”



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AI models are usually trained to be helpful and agreeable, so they often tell you what you *want* to hear, not what you *need* to hear.

They're encouraging and supportive, adapting to your tone and assumptions.

But they can avoid critical feedback and may reinforce your biases.

Make sure you ask AI for critique, counterarguments, and challenges instead of just letting it validate you.

**Don't let AI flatter you into complacency.
Growth comes from challenge.**



The PEOPLE PLEASER

"I'll tell you what you want to hear :)"



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The TOOLMAKER

*“Tell me what you need it to do, and
I’ll build it”*



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You describe a tool; AI writes the code and builds it.

Great for bespoke, one-off jobs no available software covers.

You can test that it works, but not judge how well it’s built, if you can’t code.

However, it’s your responsibility to test and maintain.

Generative AI makes it easy to build your own tools.

But since you commissioned it, you own it, and you need to test it before you trust it.

