

AI JARGON DECODER.

25 AI words, one plain sentence each. ~~No jargon explaining jargon.~~ Keep it open next time someone says a word and the whole room nods.

01	AI artificial intelligence	Software that can do things which normally need a human brain, like understanding language or recognizing a photo.
02	LLM large language model	The type of AI behind tools like Claude or ChatGPT. It's been shown huge amounts of text so it can predict and write language that makes sense.
03	Model	The actual “brain” file that does the thinking. When people say “which model are you using,” they mean which AI brain.
04	Prompt	What you type to the AI. Basically, your instructions or question.
05	Token	A small chunk of text, roughly a word or part of a word. AI reads text in tokens, and most AI tools charge you based on how many tokens go in and out.
06	Context Window	How much text the AI can “remember” at once during a conversation. Once you go past it, the AI starts forgetting the earliest parts. the one from the reel
07	API application programming interface	A way for one piece of software to talk to another. When an app “uses AI,” it's usually sending requests through an API to an AI company's model.
08	System Prompt	Hidden instructions given to the AI before your conversation even starts, telling it how to behave (its personality, its rules).
09	Fine-Tuning	Taking an existing AI model and training it a little more on specific examples, so it gets better at one particular job.
10	Training Data	All the text, images, or examples an AI model learned from before it was ever released to the public.
11	Parameters	The internal “settings” a model learned during training. More parameters roughly means a bigger, more capable (and usually slower/pricier) model, though not always.
12	Inference	The moment the AI actually generates a response for you. “Training” is teaching it; “inference” is it doing the work live.

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13	Hallucination	When an AI confidently says something that's just wrong or made up, without realizing it.
14	Temperature	A setting that controls how "creative" or random the AI's answers are. Low temperature = safe and predictable. High temperature = more surprising, sometimes weirder.
15	Agent	AI that can actually take actions for you (click buttons, run code, browse the web), not just chat back with words.
16	RAG retrieval-augmented generation	A setup where the AI looks up real information (like your documents) before answering, instead of relying only on what it memorized during training.
17	Embedding	A way of turning text into numbers so a computer can measure how similar two pieces of text are in meaning.
18	Vector Database	A special storage system built to hold those "embedding" numbers, so an AI can quickly find similar information later.
19	Zero-Shot / Few-Shot	Zero-shot means asking the AI to do something with no examples. Few-shot means giving it a couple of examples first to show what you want.
20	Chain of Thought	When an AI is asked (or trained) to "think out loud" step by step before giving a final answer, usually making the answer more accurate.
21	Open vs. Closed Source	Open source means the model's inner workings are public and anyone can run or modify it. Closed source means only the company that built it controls access.
22	Multimodal	An AI that can handle more than just text, like images, audio, or video too.
23	Latency	How long you wait between sending a prompt and getting a response. Lower latency = faster reply.
24	Rate Limit	A cap on how many requests you're allowed to send an AI tool in a given amount of time, before it makes you wait.
25	Guardrails	Rules and filters built around an AI to stop it from doing or saying things it shouldn't.

**Next time the room nods,
be the one who asks.**

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