

The 17 signs of AI writing

The tells that give AI-written text away — the words-and-patterns list. The full taxonomy, with a real example for each, lives at unslopit.ai/learn.

01 Buzz verbs

delve · leverage · unlock · elevate · empower · supercharge · revolutionize

02 Stock framings

in today's fast-paced digital landscape · it's not just X, it's Y · a testament to · game-changing · seamless · robust

03 Structural tells

faster, smarter, better · It's important to note that... · Let me be clear, · em-dash overuse · exclamation inflation

04 Empty intensifiers & adverbs

truly · incredibly · significantly · quietly transforms · seamlessly runs

05 Fake balance

on the other hand... · that said... · however, some might argue...

06 ChatGPT / Claude speak

intricate · pivotal · crucial · tapestry · multifaceted · underscores · solidifies its position · plays a crucial role

07 Academic filler

In recent years, there has been growing interest in... · the intricate interplay between · holistic framework

08 Long-form padding

Now that we've covered X, let's turn to Y · In conclusion, · In summary,

09 Engagement bait

Read that again. · Let that sink in. · Here's the thing: · Nobody talks about this... · What most people get wrong · The result? Freedom.

10 One-line paragraphs

one sentence per line · Five became fifty. Fifty became a movement. · Build quietly. Learn constantly.

11 False binaries & fake reversals

Most people X. Successful people Y. · You don't need X. You need Y. · Everyone says X. They're wrong. · The question isn't X, it's Y.

12 Manufactured drama

This isn't a budget. It's a statement of intent. · It changed everything. · Simple? Yes. Easy? No.

13 Told, not shown

The key insight is · The crux is · The punchline is · The kicker? · The tell is · Why this matters: · Verdict: · This is the decision that actually matters. · The best part: it learns · The detail that makes it work:

14 Chatbot residue

Hope this helps! · Let me know if you have any questions · Certainly! · After careful consideration, · As an AI language model,

15 Emoji inflation

in every announcement · as bullet points · Key takeaways · emoji-per-list-item · around any claim of quality

16 Hollow explanations

highlighting the team's commitment · underscoring the importance of · reflecting a broader shift · showcasing its dedication to · demonstrating the value of

17 Weasel words

experts agree · studies show · research suggests · widely regarded as · many argue · it is widely believed