AI Piece

Christian: But like, why are we even doing this?

Mia: What do you mean?

Christian: Well, Artificial intelligence can do all this speaking and script writing nonsense for us why are we putting in the effort.

Mia: But if AI did it, wouldn’t you be able to tell?

Christian: Well, that’s hard to say. It’s a really complicated subject.

Mia: Well, now I want to know how does the AI create it. Is it alive? is it going to replace us?

Christian: Woah, Woah, Woah, calm down. I had these same questions, so I went to find out more.

ROLL TAPE

VO, Various Speakers: I have used AI, I have used AI, I have used AI, I have used AI, I have used AI, I have used AI.

Christian: All anyone can talk about today is AI, from it being your girlfriend to giving you baking advice, to helping you cheat on an essay. But is it a problem today? That’s what we’re here to find out. For our first test, I have a chemistry assignment that I got a 100% on last year, and it took me around 30 minutes to complete, and let’s see what AI can do with it.

Christian: And as expected it kills it. it gets every answer correct. So, is that it? AI just wins? Well, not exactly.

The new prominence of AI could actually be really helpful in classrooms where it can help teachers be more creative with their assignments, or lab, or in person-based work, which is a positive for our education system as a whole, but the Artificial Intelligence cheating I’m sure you’ve heard a lot more fuss about, is in writing.

Matter of fact, just last year, an anonymous AP Lang. student had their essay marked as 100% AI generated by Turnitin. But that’s a good thing, right? I mean, after all, if the anti AI measures are working, do we even care? Well, don’t think too soon.

An academic research team conducted a study involving the submission of pieces written by AI to turn it in, and quote, “In a test which more than 50% of the submissions were human-generated submissions, AI reports also returned with a 100% AI index.” This is terrible news for everyone. Teachers can’t trust the automated plagiarism checkers and AI checkers, and students could be wrongfully flagged for using AI when there was none present in the first place.

Well, forget the robots; let’s talk about human intuition. I conducted a small-scale study here at Coronado to see if students and teachers could identify an essay written by AI from an essay written by a student. In this study, I found that usually we can identify it. In fact, 74% of the time humans got the essay correctly identified, every single group a healthy majority of the time, except sophomores who actually got it wrong 100% of the time for some reason. But we’re not really going to talk about that.

One specific analysis pointed out one of the most important points, quote, “I noticed that essay one specifically restated what it was about to do here, quote: ”In this essay, I will develop a position on Hedges’ argument, drawing on appropriate and specific evidence to illustrate and support my perspective.” This makes me think that it is an AI because it was literally asked to develop a position WHILE WRITING THE ESSAY.”

One of the single most reliable ways to tell AI from humans is in future thinking. AI writes within a series. When it was writing that thesis paragraph, it didn’t really know what points it was going to elaborate later, so it kind of gave a general vague response; this is one of the biggest giveaways that something is written by AI. So overall, AI isn’t as much of a threat as we may have thought it was.

A teacher is statistically likely to catch an AI essay and even for assignments where it is more formulaic and an AI can do it correctly, it’s not like it’s really hurting the class, it’s more hurting the student’s ability, but who really knows what the future holds. All we have to do is live in it and enjoy.

Quick bonus at the end here. The single funniest response I received came from reasoning for why document 2 was, which is incorrect by the way, quote, “Document 2 talks about the Kardashians without trashing on them, which I’m convinced isn’t humanly impossible.” And that right there is an amazing sentence.

END TAPE

Mia: Well, I feel better now.

Christian: I agree, there is hope for humanity after all.