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"Robots Don't Have Feelings (and Other AI Myths Busted!)"

Artificial Intelligence, or AI, is all around us. It helps choose the next video on YouTube, powers voice assistants like Siri or Alexa, and even helps doctors find illnesses. But people often believe things about AI that aren't true. Let's bust some of the most common myths!

Myth 1: AI has feelings.

Nope! Al doesn't feel happy, sad, or angry. It just follows patterns.

Myth 2: Al is alive.

Al is not a living thing. It is computer code running on machines.

Myth 3: Al can think for itself.

Al doesn't have ideas or dreams. It only does what people design it to do.

Myth 4: Al is always fair.

Al can actually be unfair if the data it learns from is unfair.

Myth 5: Al never makes mistakes.

Wrong! AI makes mistakes, just like people. That's why humans still need to check its work.

Myth 6: Al will take every single job.

Al might change some jobs, but it also helps create new ones.

Myth 7: Al will take over the world.

That's just from movies. Al doesn't have secret plans.

Myth 8: Al is smarter than humans at everything.

Al is good at certain tasks, like spotting patterns in pictures, but humans are better at creativity and big-picture thinking.

Myth 9: Only experts need to understand Al.

Everyone should know a little about AI, because it affects our lives every day.

Myth 10: Al can read your mind.

Nope! Al can guess moods from clues like your face or voice, but it cannot read your thoughts.

Al is powerful and useful, but remembering these myths will help us understand it better - and not be fooled by science fiction!

Guided Questions

- 1. Before reading, did you believe that AI could feel emotions?
- 2. Did you think AI was alive, like a human or animal?
- 3. Did you ever hear that AI might take over the world? Did you believe it?
- 4. Which myth from the passage surprised you the most? Why?
- 5. Which truth about AI do you think is most important for kids to understand?

