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English for the
Digital Age

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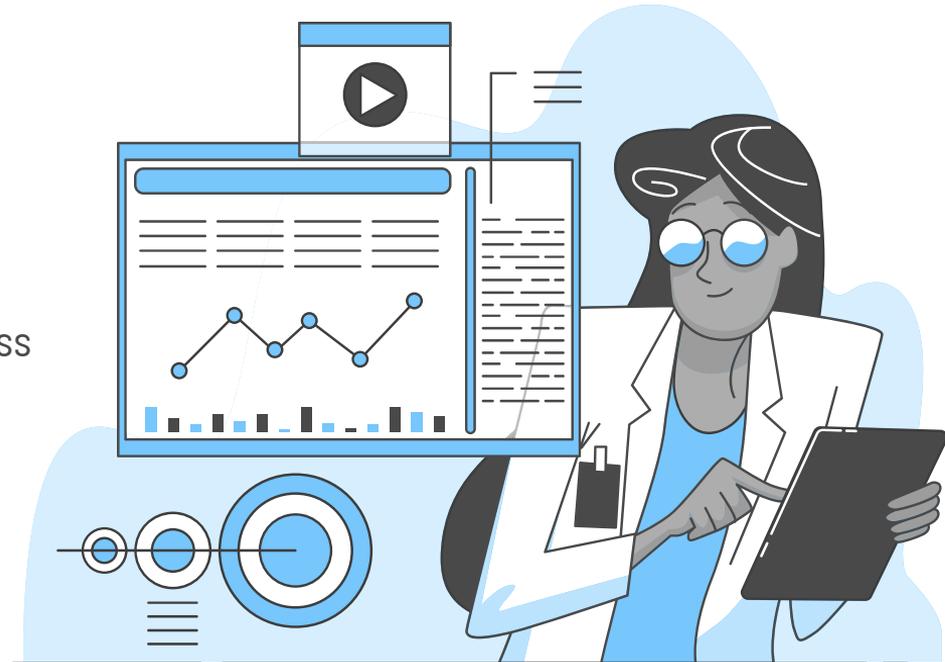
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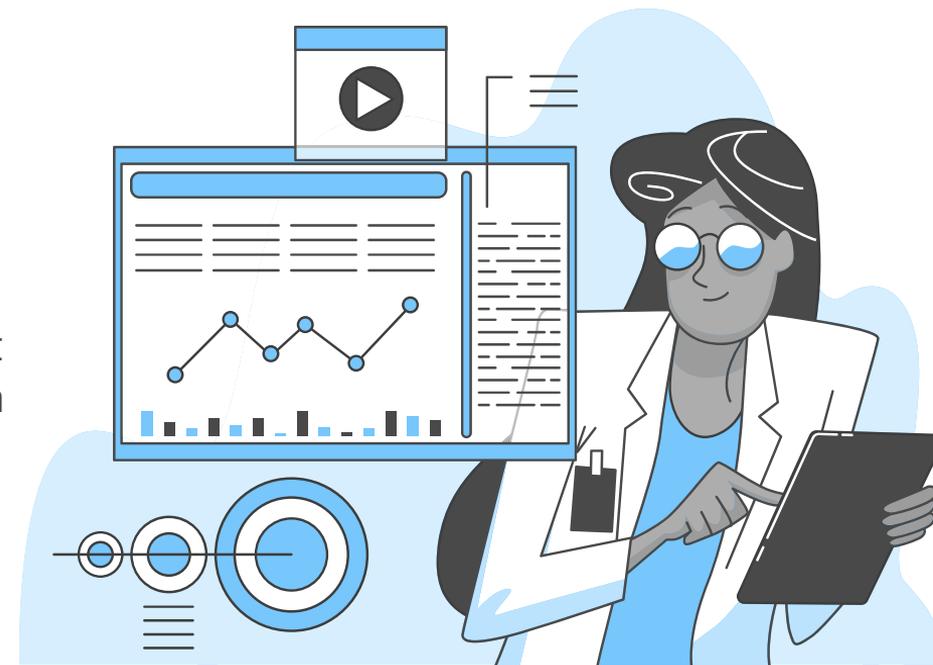
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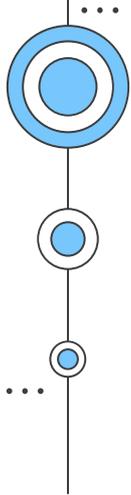
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Idioms & Expressions

Idioms and Expressions that come from the world of tech

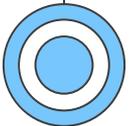




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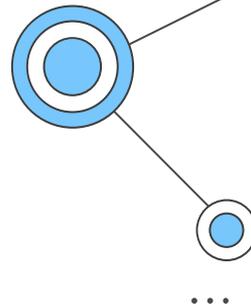
Basic Vocab

For the hardware we use every day





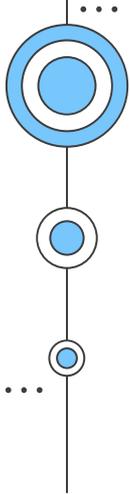
Side note – pronunciation



Technology – /tek'nɒl.ə.dʒi/

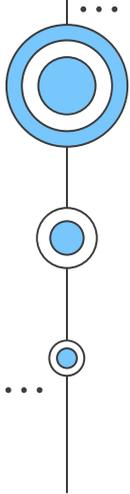
Tech – /tek/

Techie / techy (n & adj) – /'tek.i/



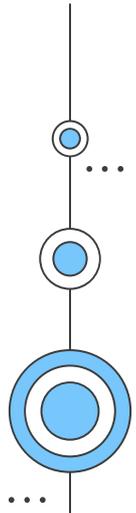
The Basics (past)





The Basics (present)

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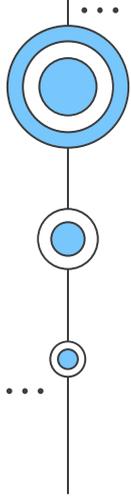
Side note – wires and cables





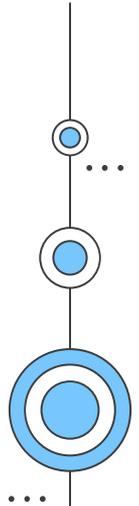
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The Basics – The future?



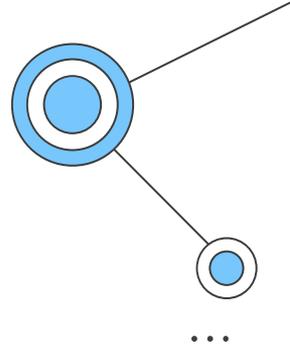
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Vocabulary for Office Software





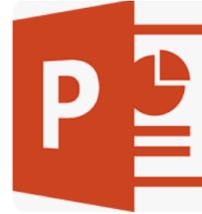
Technology at Work



Word processing tools



Presentation software



Spreadsheets



Collaboration platforms



Common Actions in Microsoft Office Suite

Seleccionar el texto

Select the text

Cambiar el fuente

Change the font

Pon el texto en negrita, cursiva y subrayarlo. Tacharlo

Make the text **bold**, put it in *italics* and underline it. ~~Cross it out~~

Agregar viñetas o

Add

- bullet points or
- 1. numbers

Insertar una tabla, columna, fila

Insert a table, column, row

Cortar, copiar y pegar

Cut, copy and paste

Deshacer

Undo

Acercar / Alejar

Zoom in / Zoom out

Common Actions in Microsoft Office Suite





Common Actions in online Meetings

Silenciar el micrófono, apagar la cámara

Mute microphone, turn off camera

Unmute microphone, turn on camera

Cambiar o difuminar el fondo

Change or blur background

Chatear con los participantes, enviar mensajes

Chat with participants, send messages

Reaccionar con emojis

React with emojis



Common Actions in online Meetings

Levantarse o bajar la mano

Raise or lower your hand

Compartir tu pantalla, alternar compartir sonido

Share your screen, toggle share sound

Activar subtítulos

Turn on closed captions

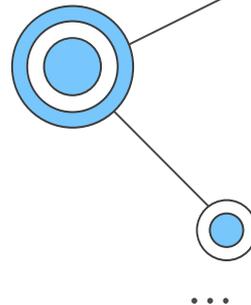
Salir de la reunión

Leave meeting



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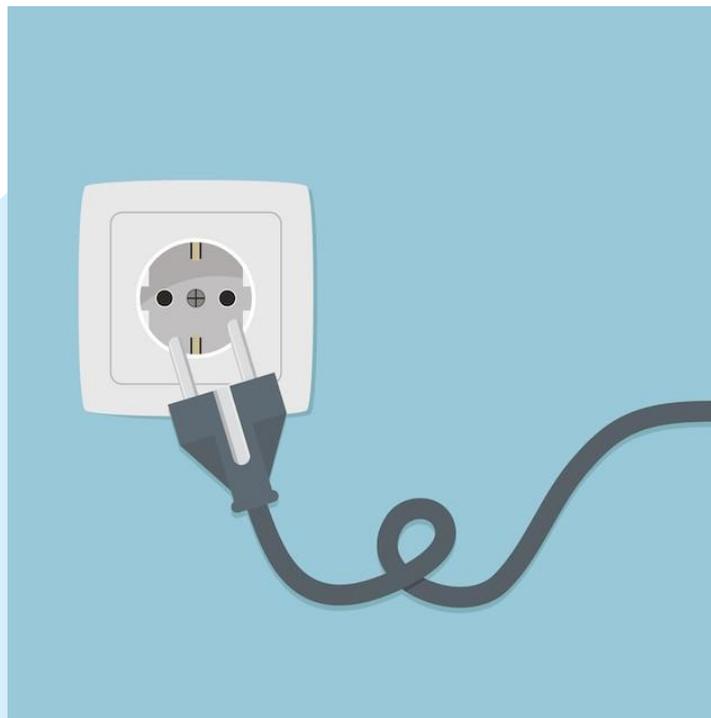
Techy Phrasal Verbs



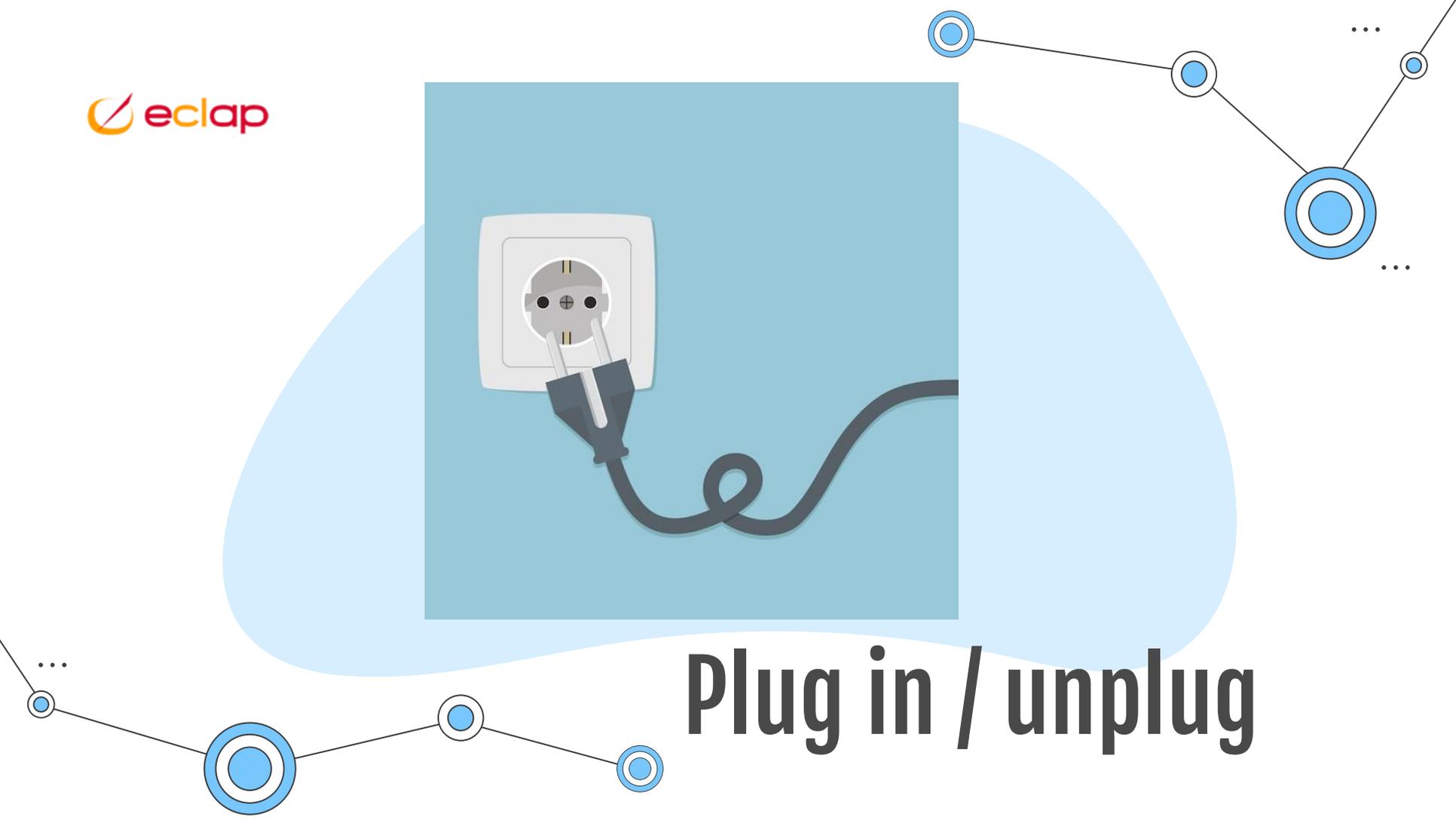
Side note – prepositions

ON

internet, intranet, server, cloud
screen, keyboard, dashboard, slides,
desktop, laptop, Macbook, PC
tablet, ebook reader, Kindle, ipad
smart watch, wearable, fit-bit
radio, television, gramophone, telephone, ipod, walkman
landline, phone, mobile, iphone,
social media, Instagram, Twitter, X, TikTok, reddit, Whatsapp
Teams, Zoom, Skype, Slack,
Google, wikipedia, ChatGPT,
PowerPoint, Word, Excel, Windows, Outlook,

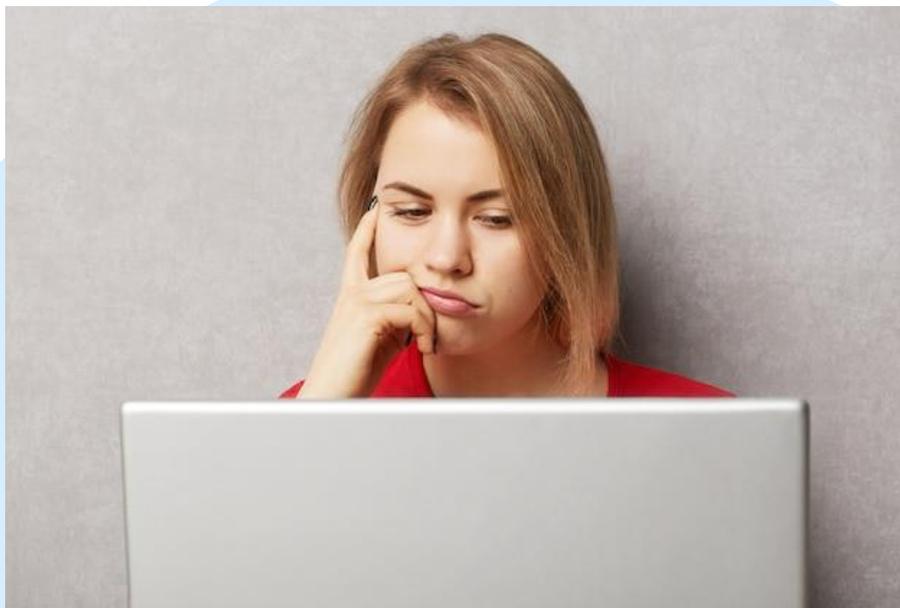


Plug in / unplug





Turn on / off



Boot up

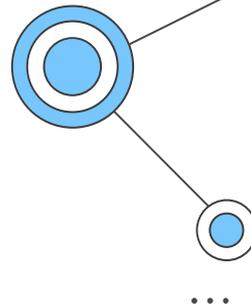


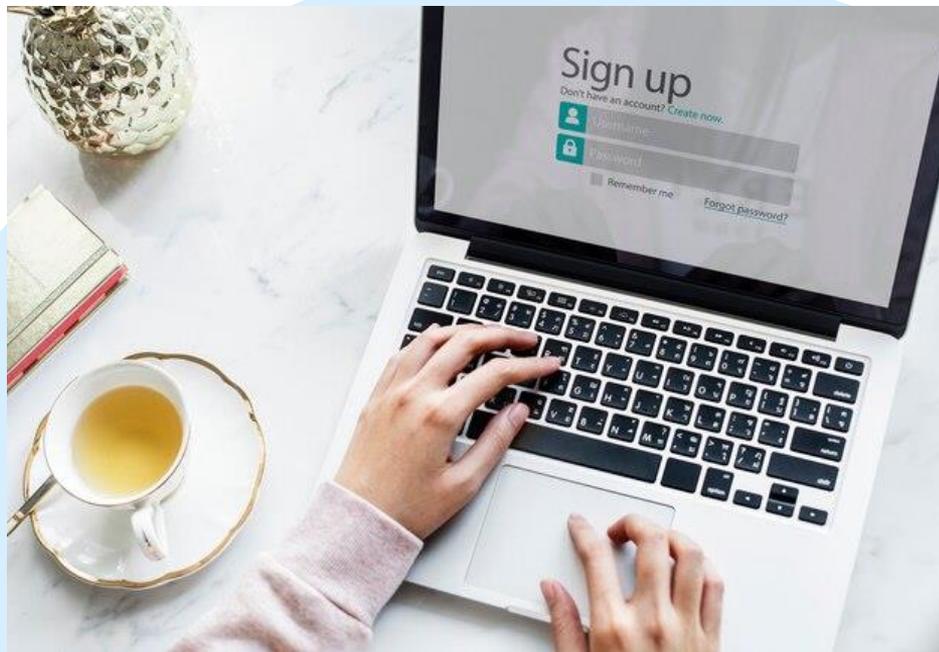


Plug it in before you run out of battery!
¡Enchúfalo antes de quedarte sin batería!

Have you tried turning it off and turning it on again?
¿Has probado a encenderlo y volverlo a apagar?

The computers are old and take a long time to boot up
Los ordenadores son viejos y tardan mucho en arrancar





Sign up



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Accept Terms *

I agree to the Terms of Service.

Submit

Scroll through



Log in / Sign in

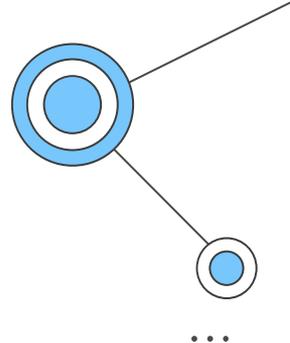
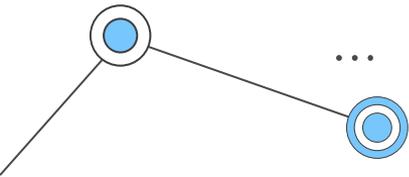
Side note – introducir



These men are **introducing** themselves



This woman is **entering** her username
This woman is **inserting** her username
This woman is **typing** in her username
This woman is **putting** in her username



Don't forget to log out
No olvides cerrar la sesión

I signed up with my email address
Me he registrado con mi dirección de correo electrónico

Does anyone actually scroll through the terms and conditions?
¿Hay alguien que lea los términos y condiciones?



A registration form mockup displayed on a grey background. The form includes a profile picture placeholder (a silhouette on a yellow and orange gradient), and input fields for First name, Last name, Username, Email, Password, Confirm password, and Phone number. A yellow Submit button is at the bottom. Below the form, it says 'designed by freepik'.

Set up



Back up



Has usado un 99 % del almacenamiento

Necesitas almacenamiento para crear copias de seguridad de fotos, subir archivos, y enviar y recibir correos

Libera espacio

99 GB de 100 GB en uso



Run out of



Print out

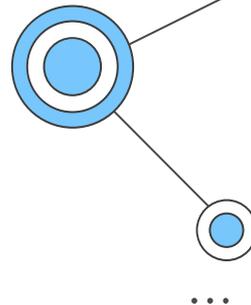


The set up takes less than a minute
La instalación tarda menos de un minuto

Have you backed up your files?
¿Has hecho una copia de seguridad de tus archivos?

I'm running out of storage space on my phone
Me estoy quedando sin espacio de almacenamiento en mi teléfono

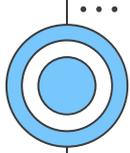
We're a paperless company and don't print anything out
Somos una empresa sin papeles y no imprimimos nada



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Social Media

And time for a poll....





Graham:



I got my Facebook account in 2004 and back then, it seemed more personal. I didn't **friend** many people, just close contacts. When I used to **log in**, my **newsfeed** was full of cool photos and funny status updates from my friends and family. These days, social media is very different. It's full of **influencers**, celebs and brands who want you to **follow** their pages or watch their tedious **livestreams**. They're constantly posting **clickbait**, hoping that their videos or photos will **go viral**. Some of my friends are getting **FOMO** from the constant **updates** of events and holiday photos. I feel like social media isn't a good space for regular **users** now.

To friend someone – añadir amigos

Newsfeed – Muro / Feed

Influencers – influencers

Livestream - Transmisión en directo

Clickbait - Cebo de clics

To go viral – hacerse viral

FOMO – Fear Of Missing Out

Updates – actualizaciones

Users – usuarios



Annie:



“I work for an animal welfare NGO called FurEver Friends and we use **SM** a lot. To promote our events, we **post** a cute ad and then people **share** it. We always ask our **followers** to use the **hashtag** #FurEver Friends so that we can get more **impressions** and sometimes we even become a **trending topic**. If people need more information about an event, they can **DM** us for more information.”

SM – Social Media

Post – Publicar

To follow / followers – seguir / seguidora/o

Hashtag - #

Impressions - impresiones

Trending topic – tema de tendencia

DM – Direct Message



David:



“I once interacted with Penelope Cruz on **X!** After listening to a speech that she gave at my university, I wrote a post saying how much I had enjoyed it. I included her **handle** in the tweet (@penelopecruz) and, much to my surprise, she **reposted** me! **OMG!** My post got hundreds of **likes** and it started a really long **thread** of comments where other users gave their opinions on the speech.”

X – platform formally known as Twitter

Handle – Usuario de X

Reposted – republicar

OMG! – Oh My God!

Likes – me gustas

Thread - hilo



Hermione:



“I’m an artist and I use Instagram to promote my work and **engage** with potential clients. About a year ago, I got a new **follower** called Joe. And he started **trolling** me! He kept posting **GIFs** of rotting garbage then **tagging** me in the photos. It was horrible! I had to **block** him and **report** him to the **site administrator**.”

Engage - interactuar

To troll - trollear

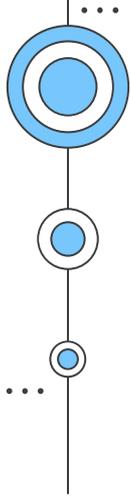
GIF - GIF

To tag – etiquetar

Block – bloquear

Report – denunciar

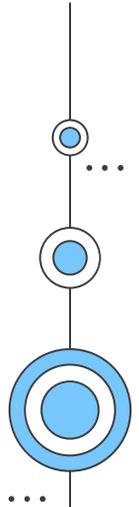
Site administrator - administrador del sitio



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New Tech

Vocabulary for describing new and old
technology



How to talk about new technology



**Tesla was a
game changer
for electric
vehicles**

How to talk about new technology



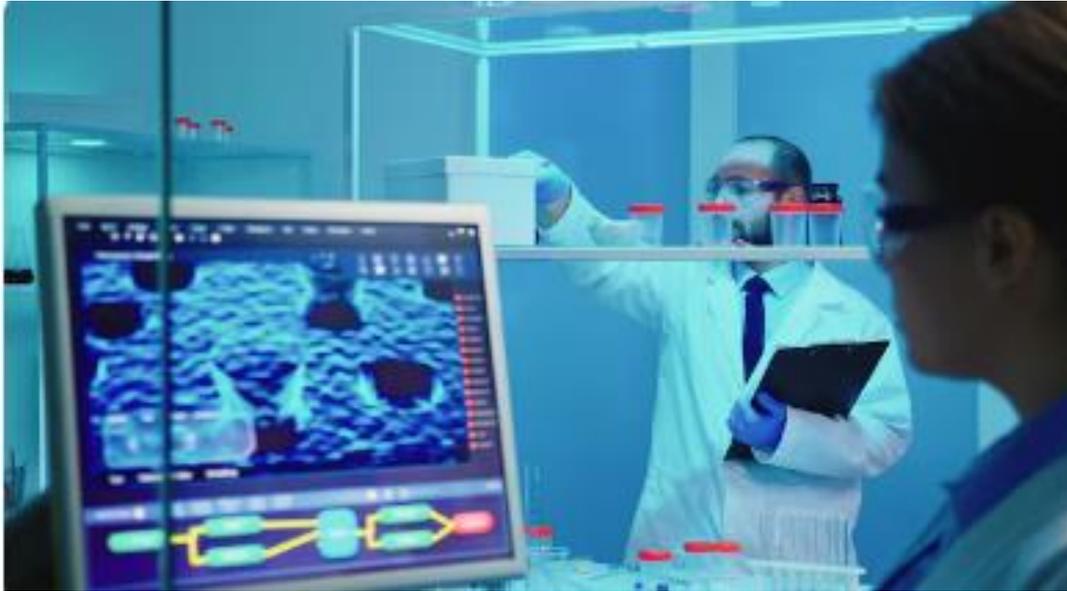
**The robovan
looks futuristic**

How to talk about new technology



**This is
cutting edge
technology**

How to talk about new technology

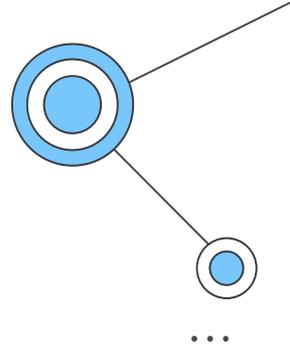


**The hospital uses
state-of-the-art
medical equipment**

How to talk about new technology



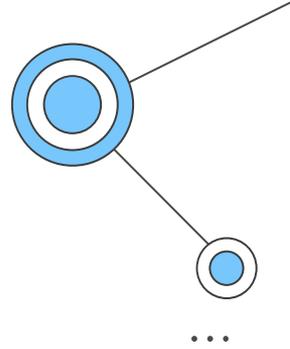
**This is an
innovative
design**



How to talk about new technology



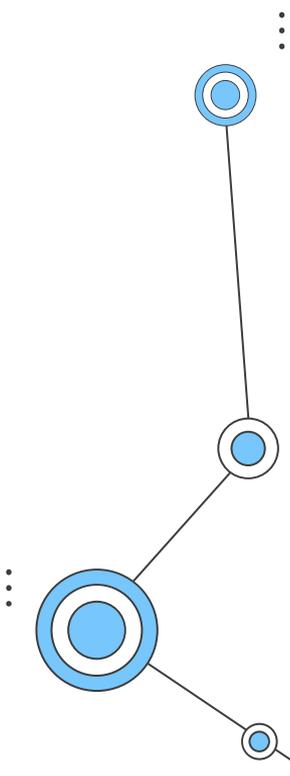
This is a
high-tech
fridge



How to talk about new technology



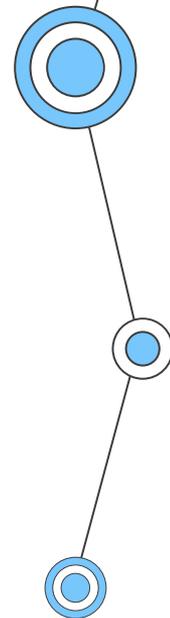
**The next
generation of
smartphones**

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a game changer – un cambio de juego

El iphone fue un cambio de
juego para Apple.

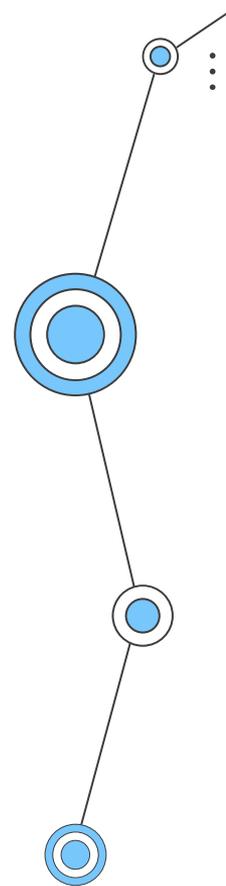
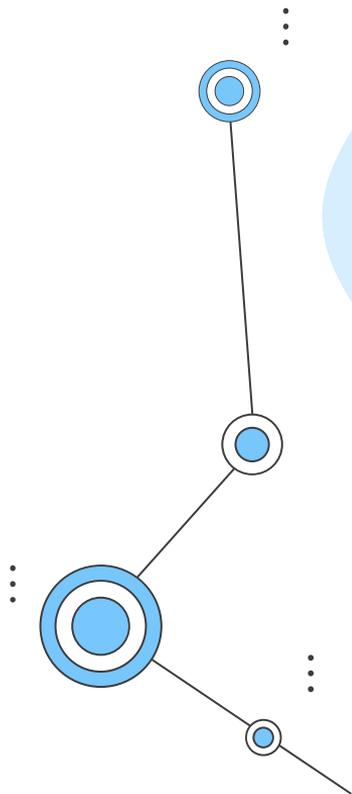
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changer** for Apple.



futuristic – futuristas

No soy un fan de los diseños de
coches futuristas.

I'm not a fan of **futuristic**
car designs.

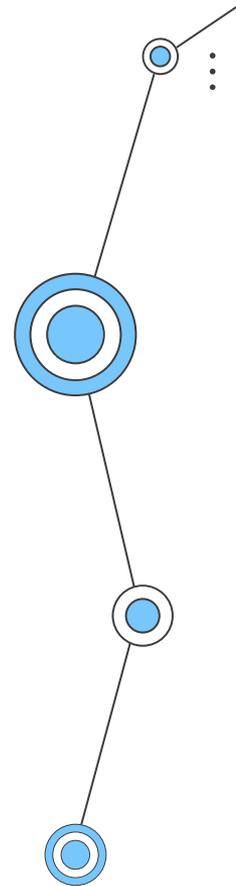
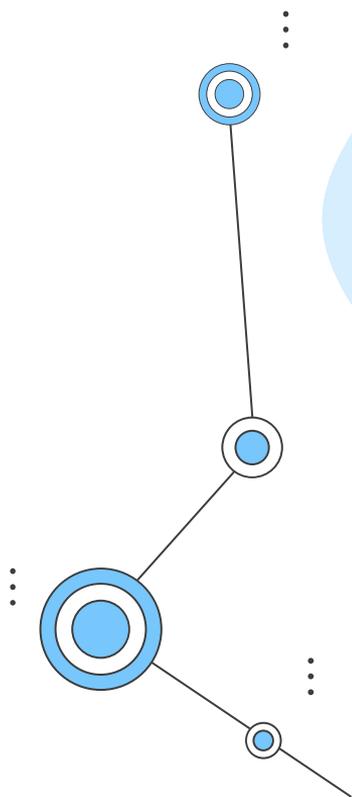




cutting edge – punta/puntero

Boston Dynamic fabrica
tecnología punta

Boston Dynamic makes
cutting edge technology

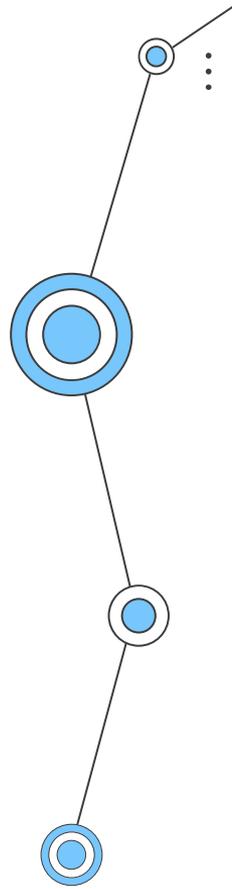
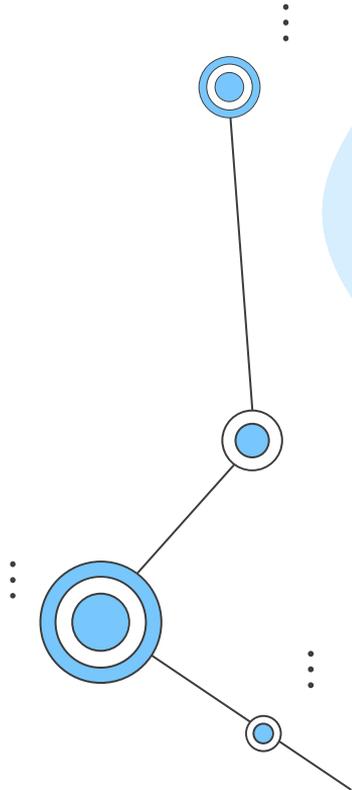


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state-of-the-art – de vanguardia

La empresa compró
ordenadores de vanguardia.

The company bought
state-of-the-art
computers

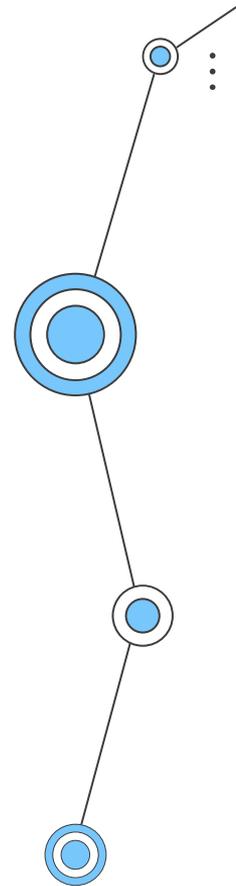
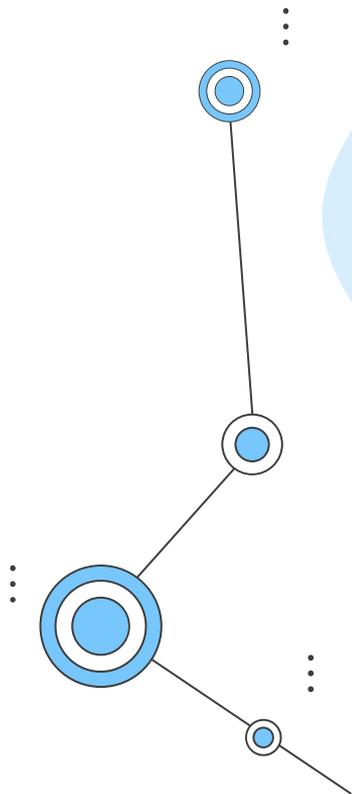




innovative— innovador

Los nuevos jaguar presentan
un diseño innovador

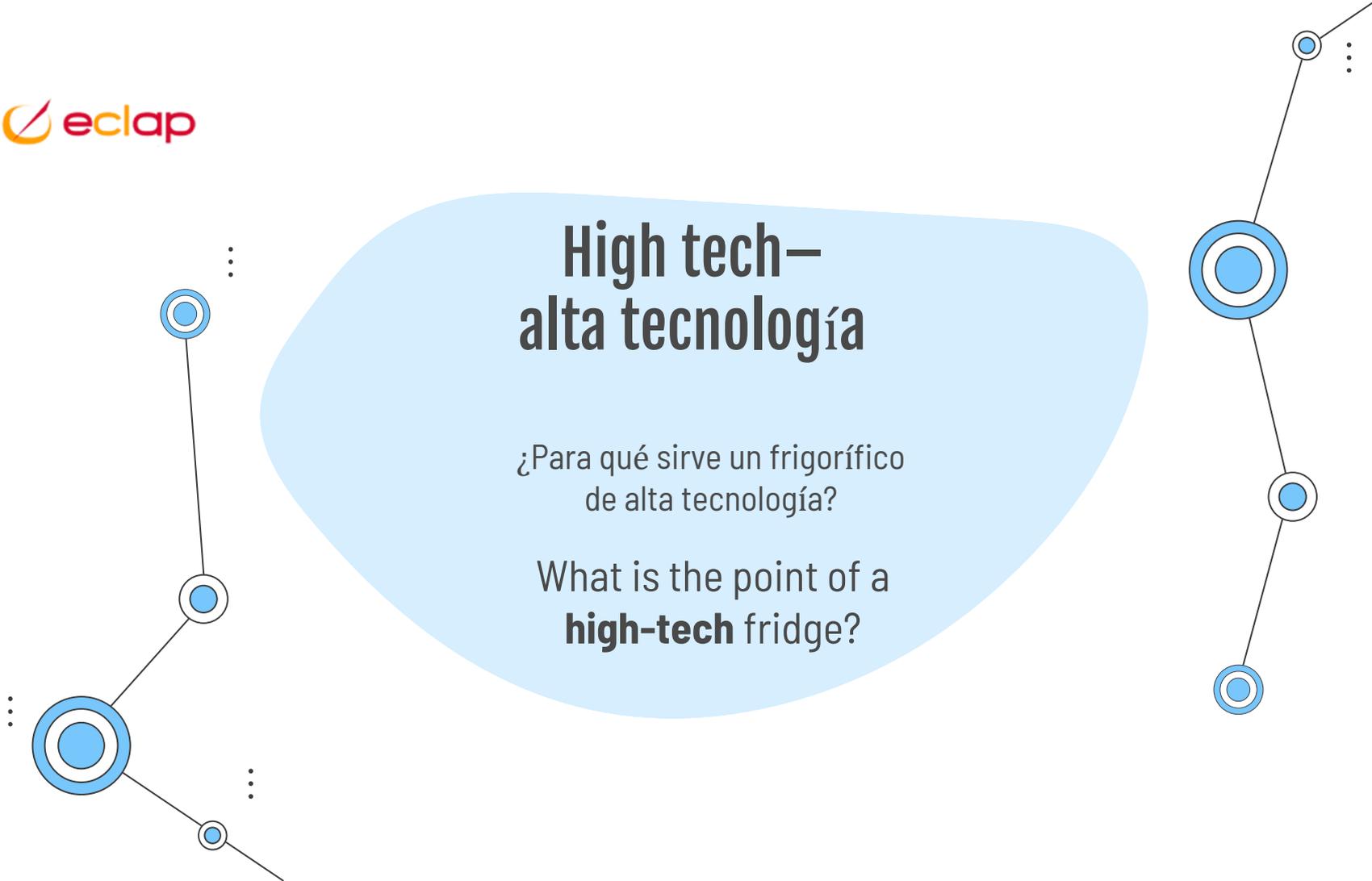
The new jaguars feature
an **innovative** design



High tech— alta tecnología

¿Para qué sirve un frigorífico
de alta tecnología?

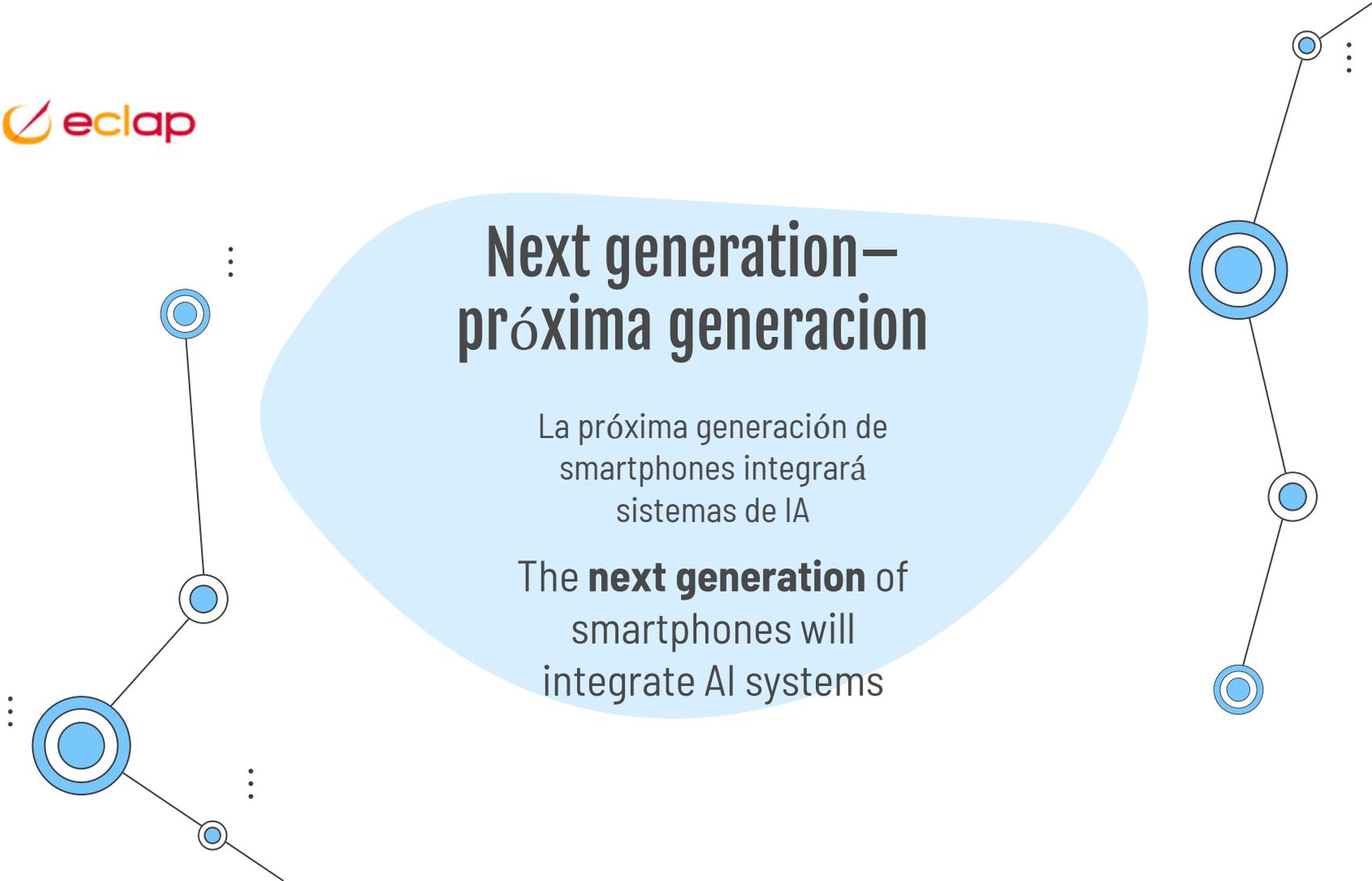
What is the point of a
high-tech fridge?



Next generation— próxima generación

La próxima generación de
smartphones integrará
sistemas de IA

The **next generation** of
smartphones will
integrate AI systems



How to talk about ~~new~~ old technology



**I miss my dumb
phone**

How to talk about old technology



**Listening to the
radio is a bit old
fashioned**

How to talk about old technology



**Point and shoot
cameras are
obsolete**

How to talk about old technology



There are
vintage record
players on ebay

How to talk about old technology



Mixed tapes are
very old school*

*old skool

How to talk about old technology

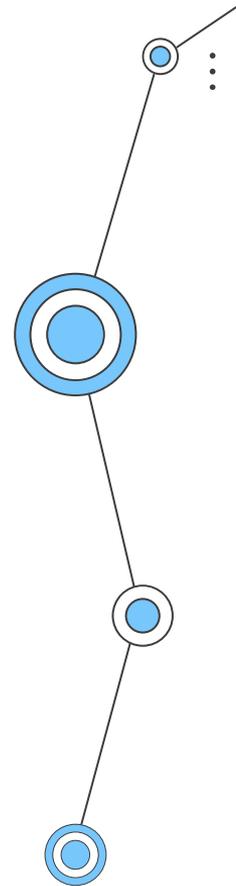
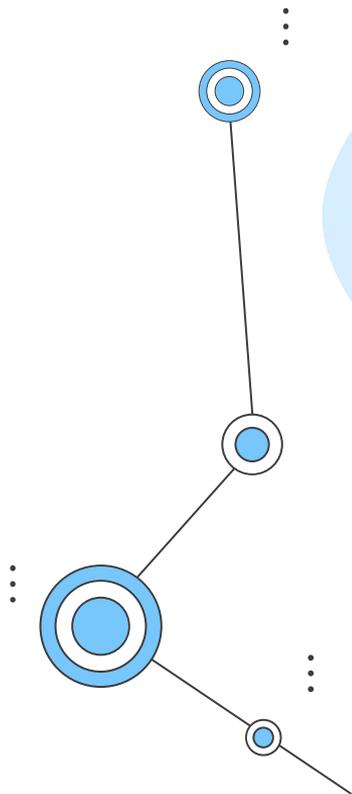


**This computer
game is very
primitive**

**dumb—
no inteligente**

¿Le gustaría tener un teléfono
no inteligente?

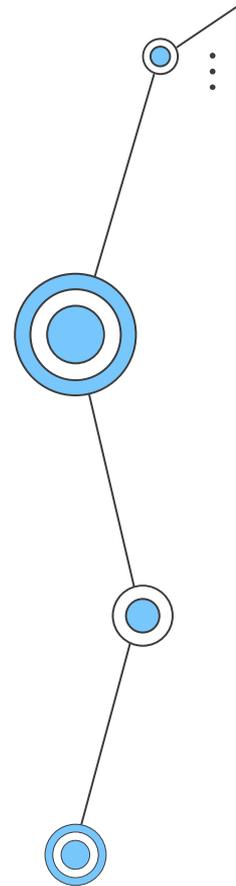
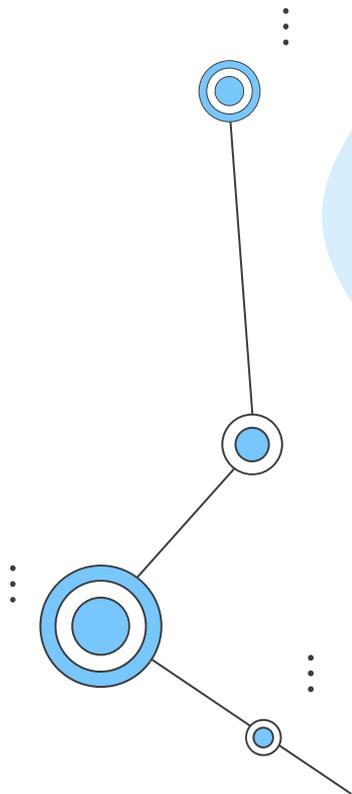
Would you like to have a
dumb phone?



old fashioned— anticuados

Mis padres están bastante
anticuados en lo que a
tecnología se refiere.

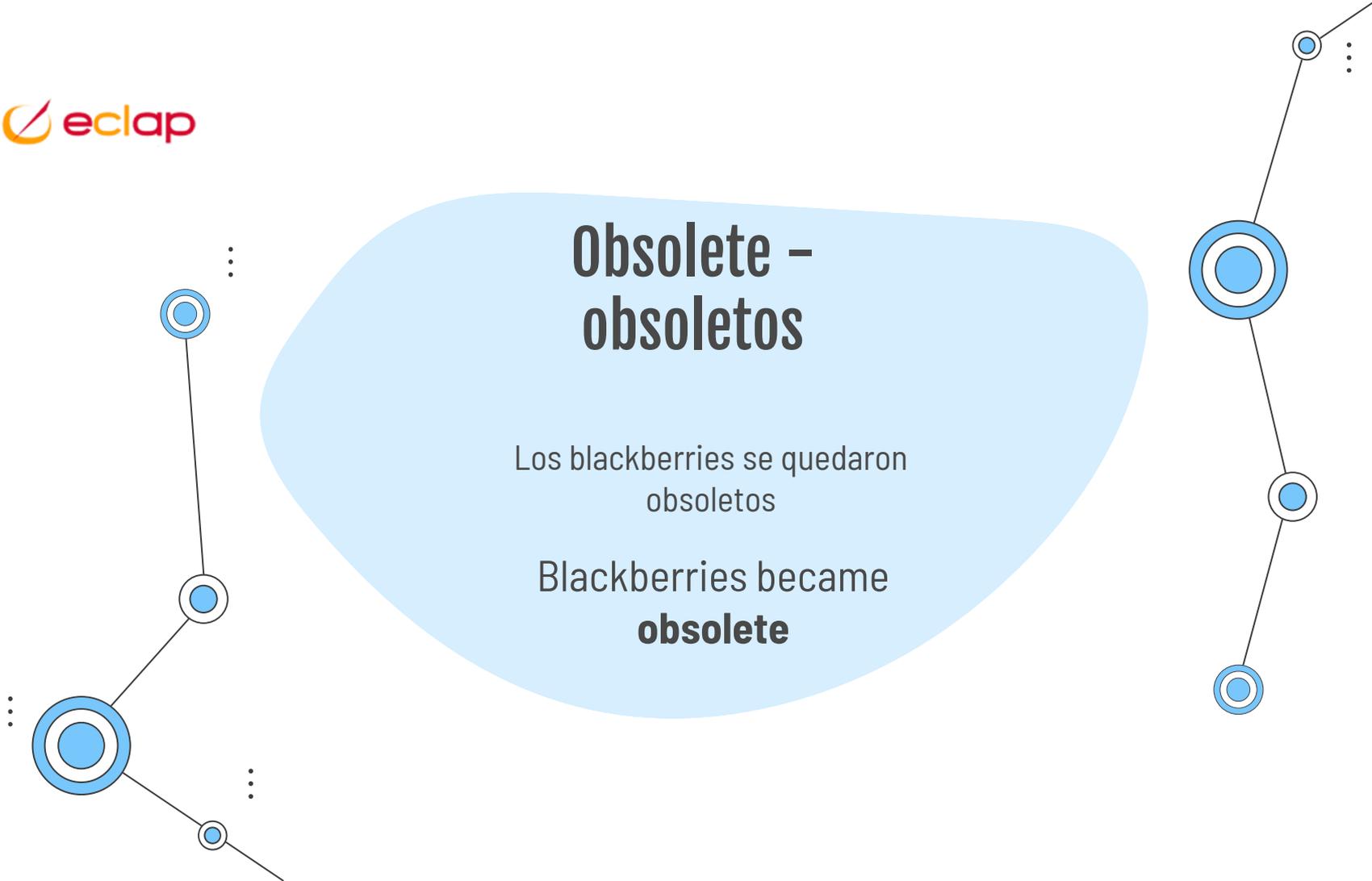
My parents are quite **old
fashioned** when it comes
to technology.



Obsolete - obsoletos

Los blackberries se quedaron
obsoletos

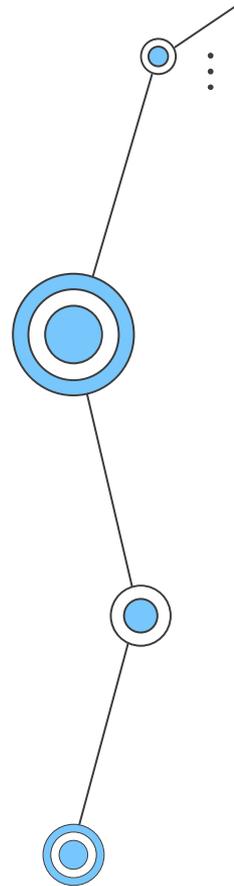
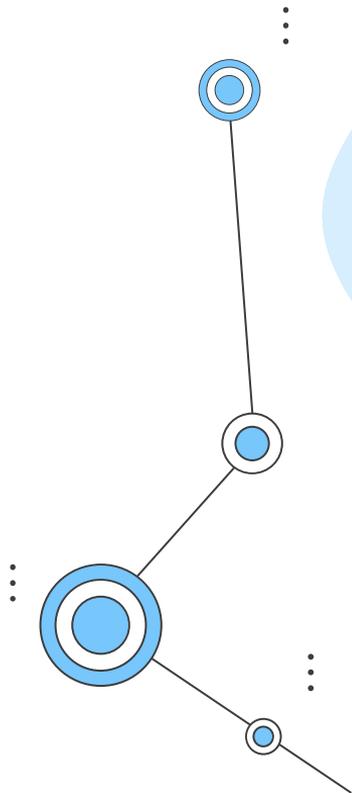
Blackberries became
obsolete



vintage – antigua

La librería está decorada con
máquinas de escribir antiguas.

The bookstore is
decorated with **vintage**
typewriters.



Old school— de la vieja escuela

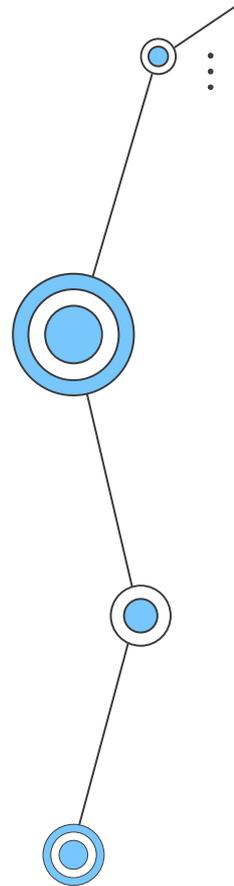
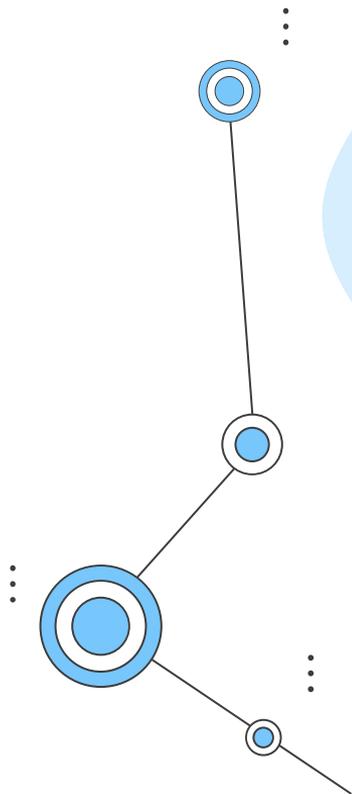
Mi hermano aún envía
mensajes SMS. Es muy de la
vieja escuela.

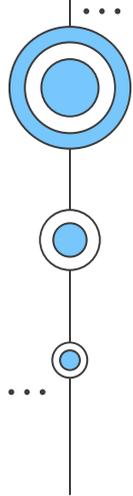
My brother still sends
SMS messages. He's very
old school.

primitive- primitivo

Las características de este
teléfono son muy primitivas

The features on this
phone are very **primitive**

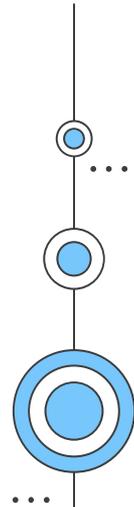




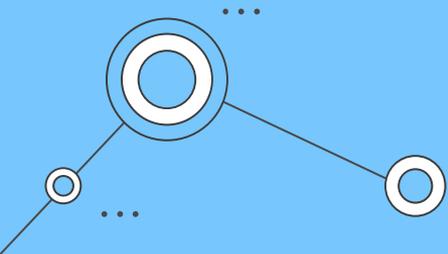
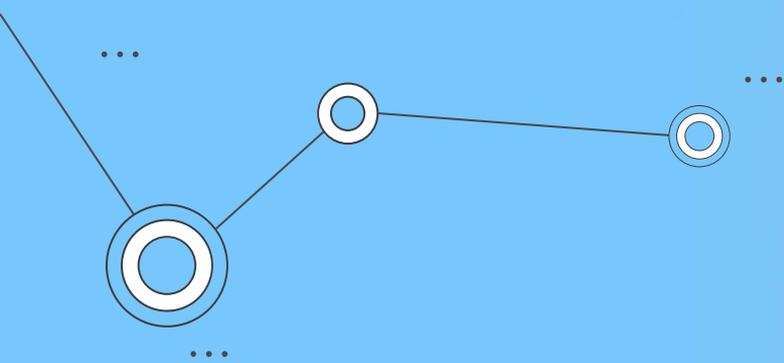
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Artificial Intelligence

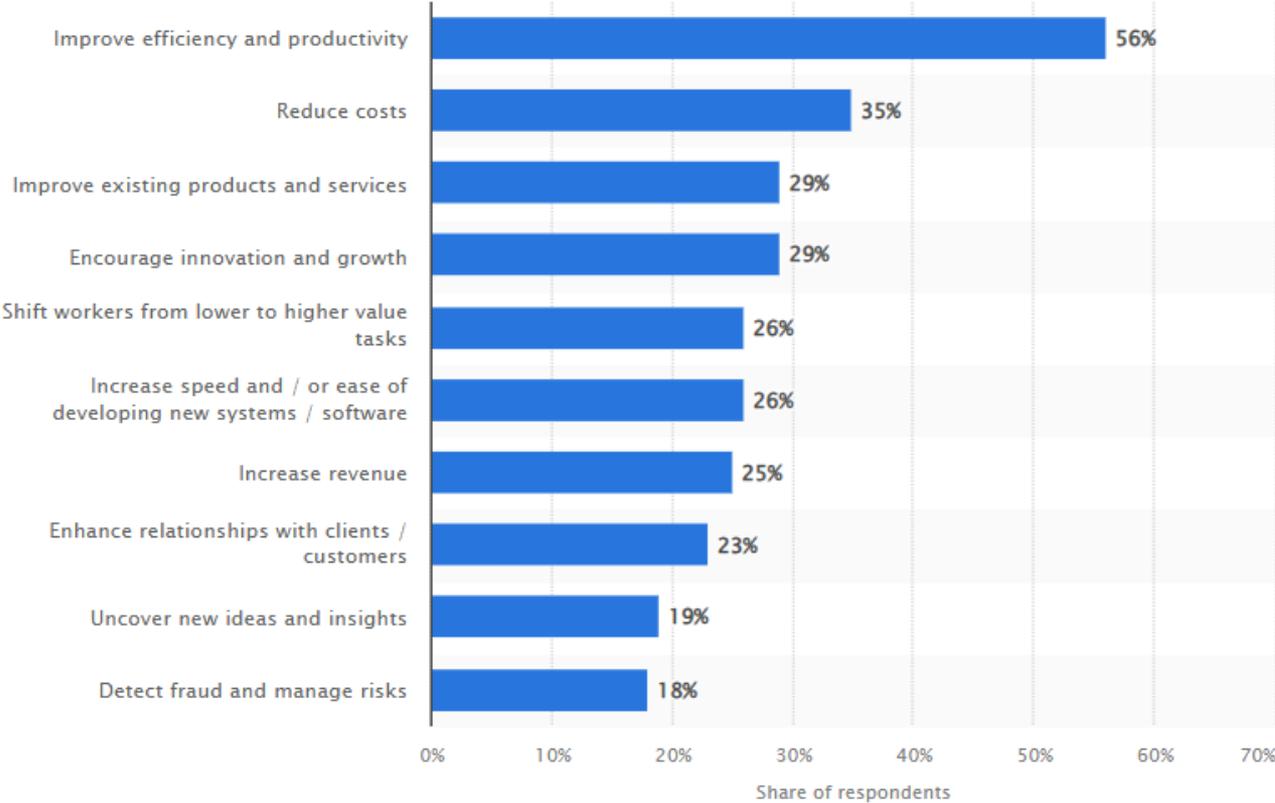
How to talk about Generative AI



What is generative AI?

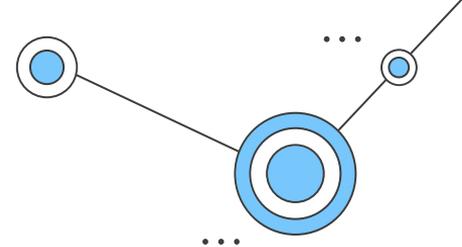


Key benefits global organizations hope to achieve with the adoption of generative artificial intelligence (AI) as of 2024





Generative AI



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ChatGPT

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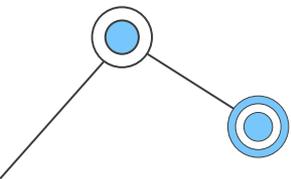
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Perplexity

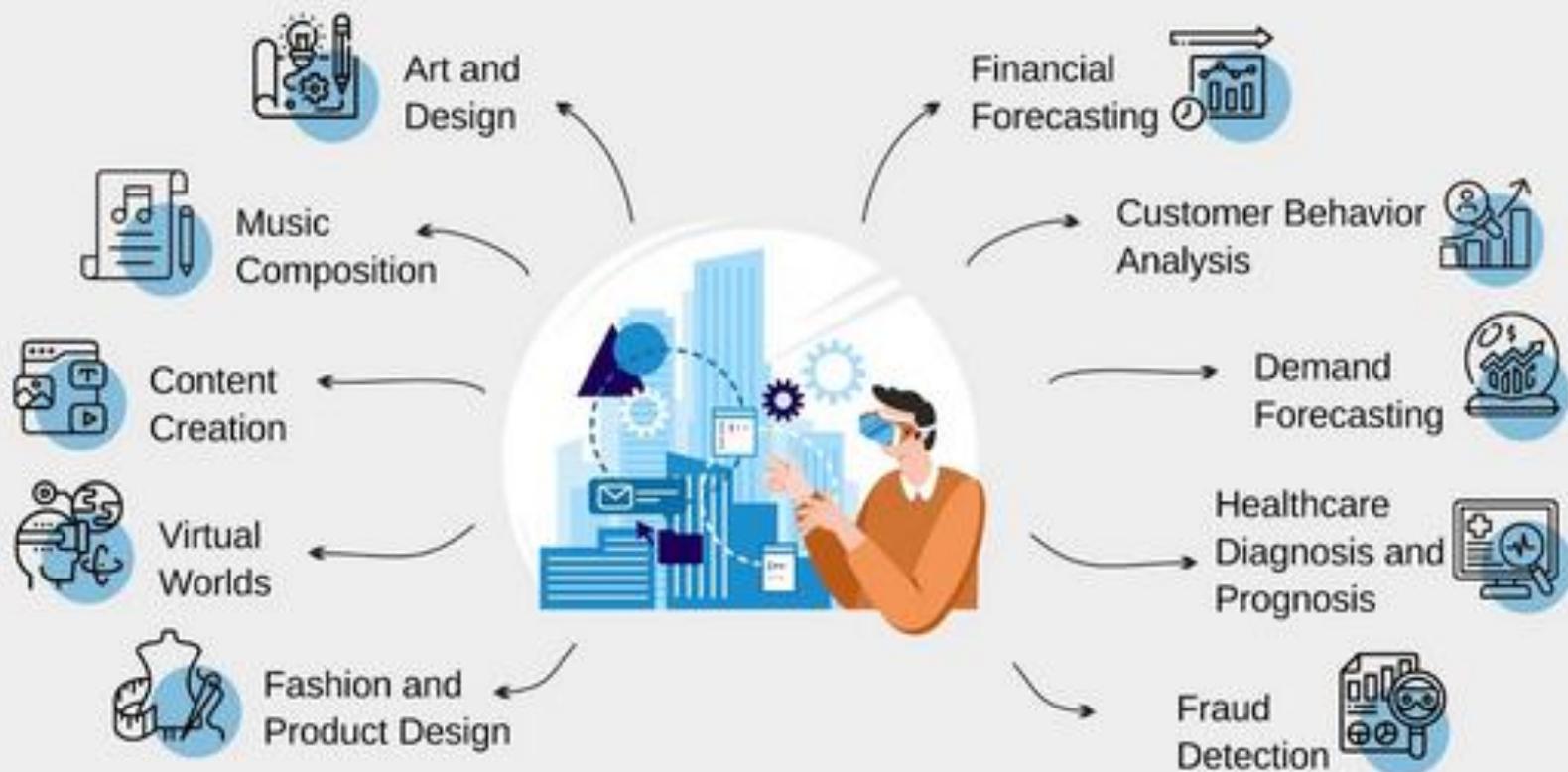
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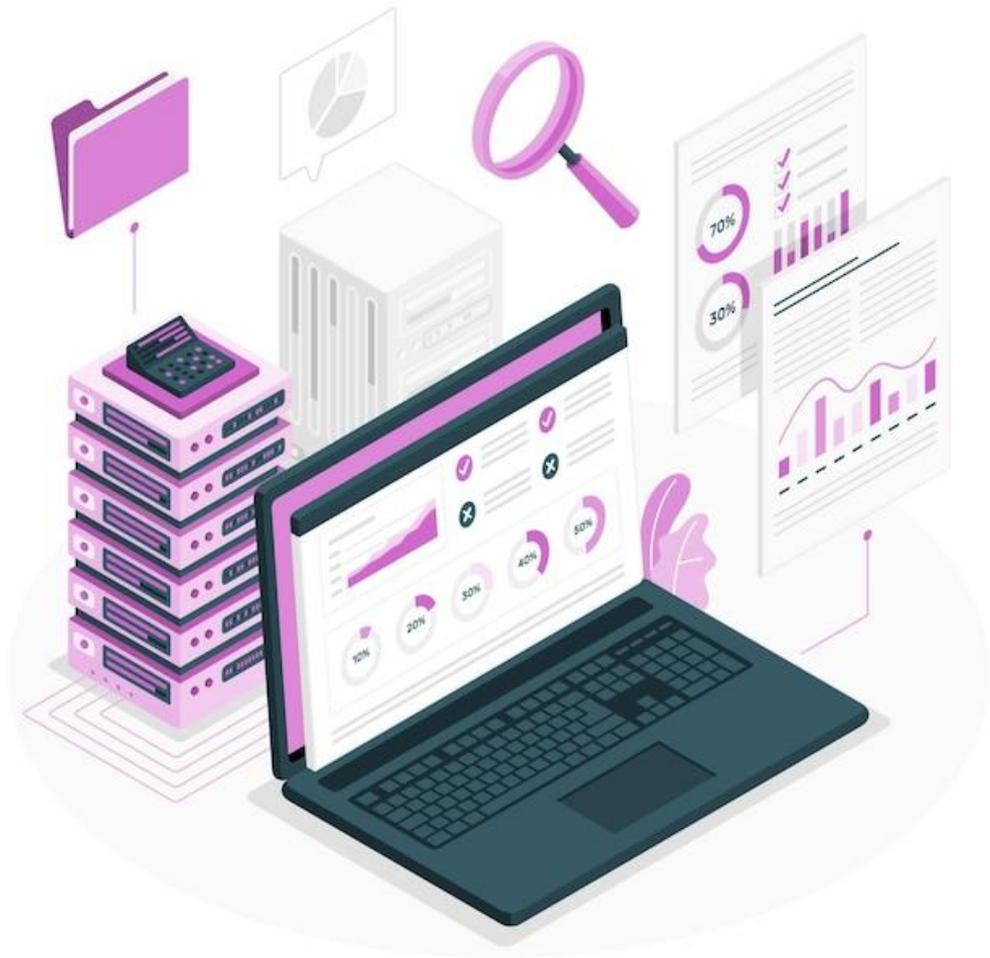
Gemini

Copilot



Generative AI Applications





Elements of a Good Prompt

Act as a helpful tutor who breaks down complex subjects into easy explanations.

I want you to explain the process of photosynthesis to a

14 year old student, to assist with biology exam preparations.

Your answer should be 300 words, written in a tone that's friendly and educational.

Persona: Ask the tool to take a role

Objective: What do you want the AI to do

Audience: Specify who it's for

Context: What does the tool need to know

Boundaries: Set your own direction & limitation

Tip 1

Give Clear Instructions

Use commands that instruct the AI tool on what you want to generate, such as 'explain', 'translate', 'summarize' or 'compare'.

Tip 2

Provide Context

Adding context and background information can help the tool to understand the task better. For example, mention the project type such as 'short story', 'report' or 'outline'

Tip 3

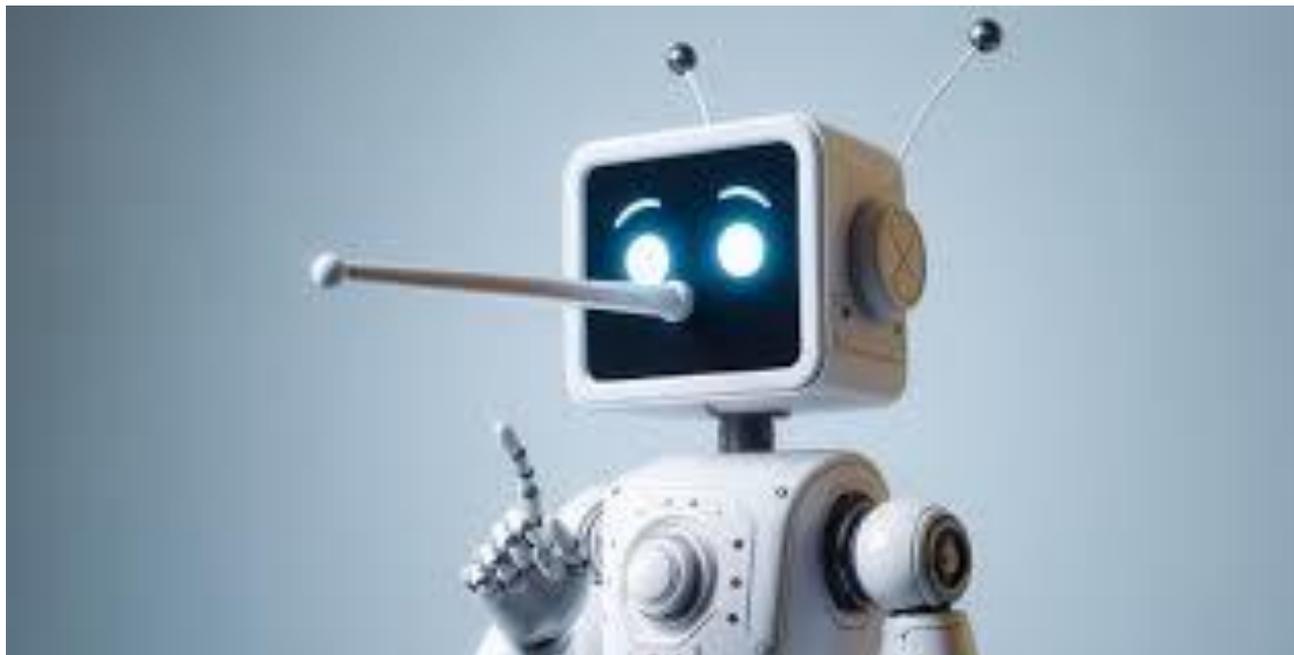
Iterate & Experiment

Try different instructions and techniques if you don't get the results you want. Prompting can be like an experiment that may require several rounds of iterations!

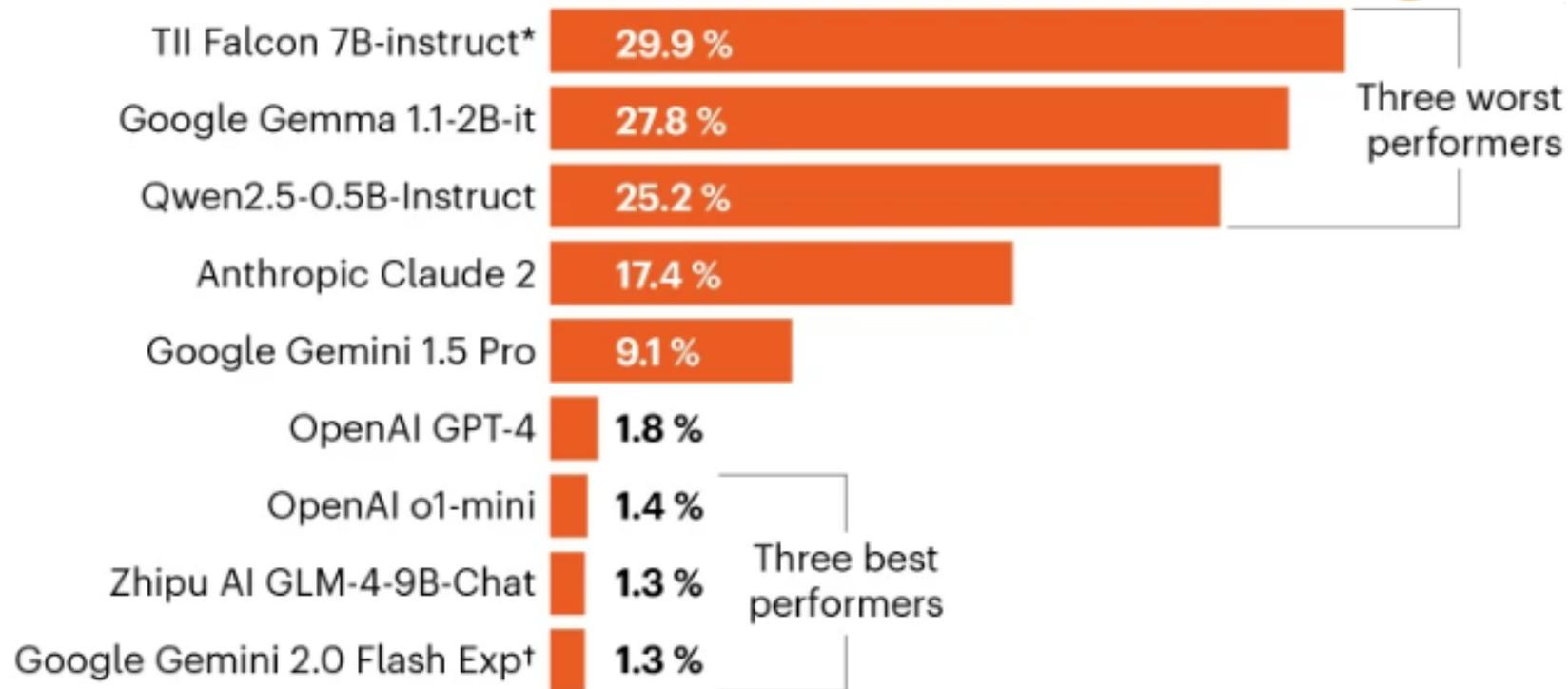
Deep Fakes



AI Halluncinations



Hallucination rate



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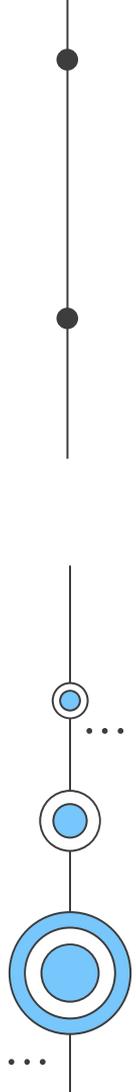
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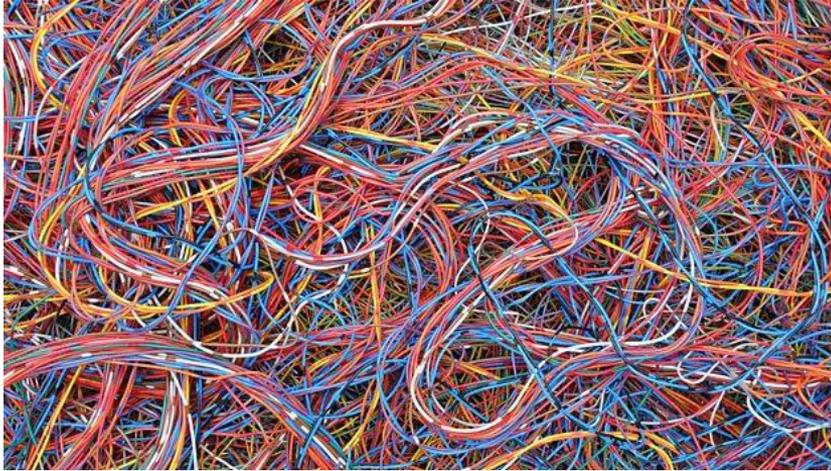
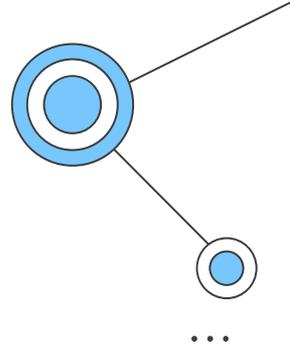
Idioms & Expressions

Idioms and Expressions from the tech
world

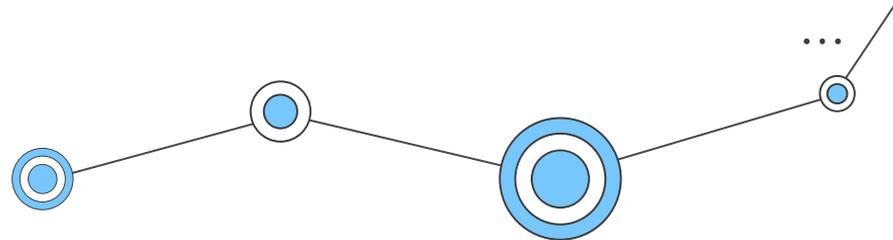




To get one's wires crossed

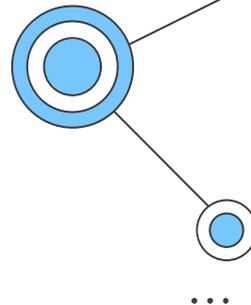


When people get their wires crossed, they have a different understanding of the same situation

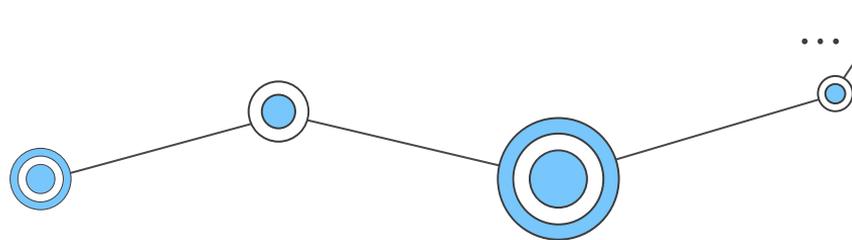




Eat your own dog food



Eating your own dog food (or dog fooding) is using your own product

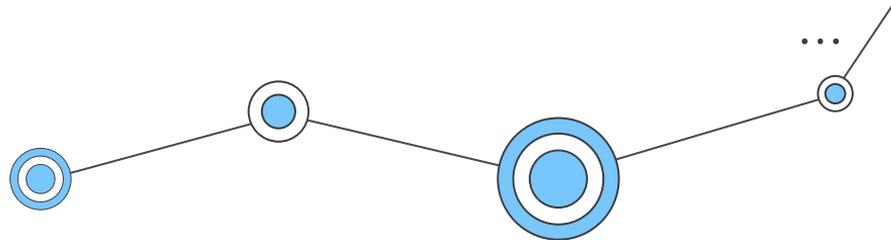




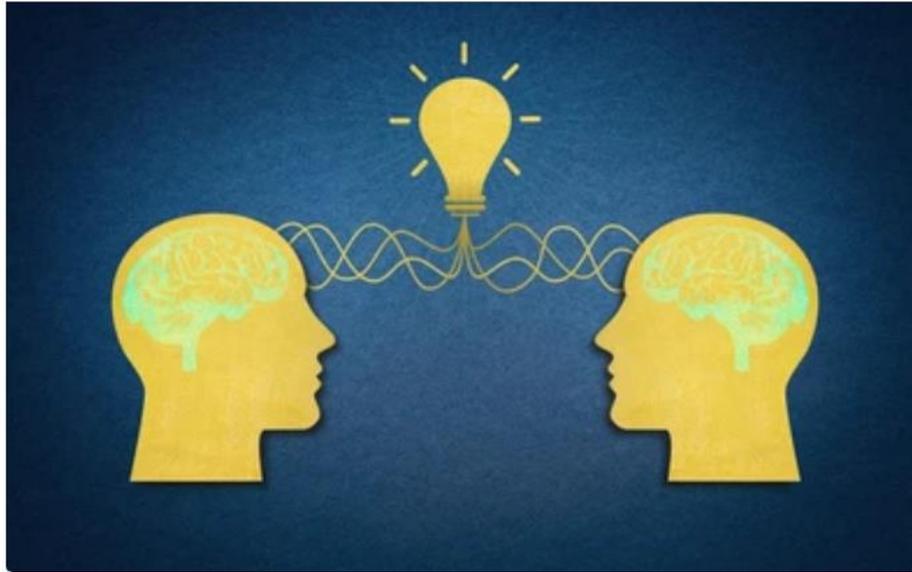
Pull the plug



Pulling the plug on something stops it from continuing (usually by cutting its funding)



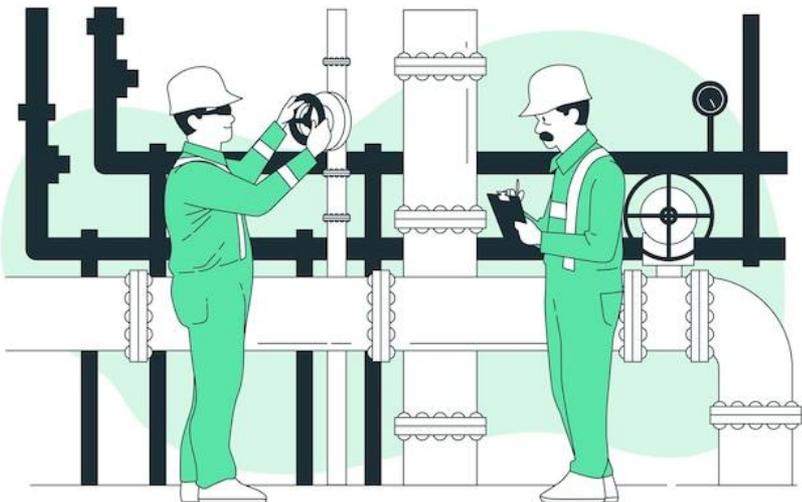
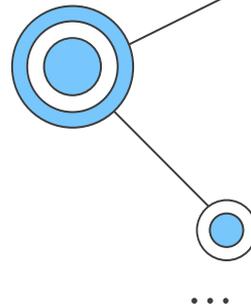
On the same wavelength



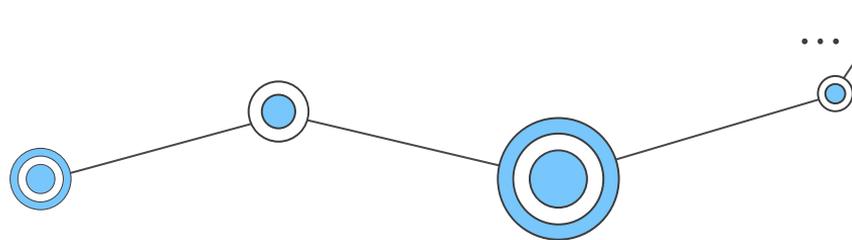
Being on the same wavelength as someone means thinking in the same way as someone else



In the pipeline

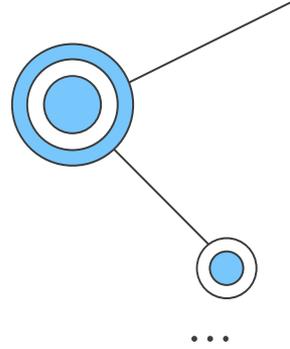


If something is in the pipeline, it is being planned

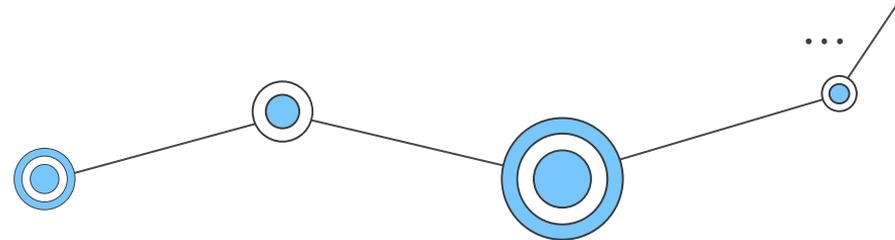




Unicorn



A unicorn is a start-up whose value is considered to be over 1 billion dollars

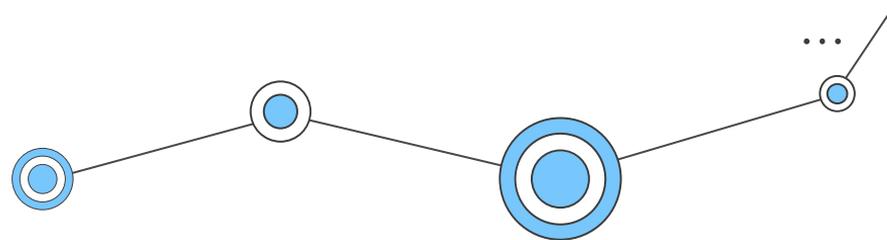




Digital native



A **digital native** is a person who is very familiar with technology, computers etc because they have grown up with them



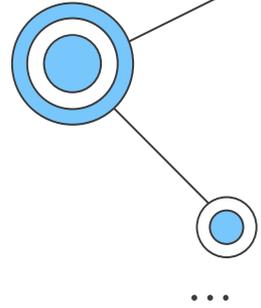
Digital detox



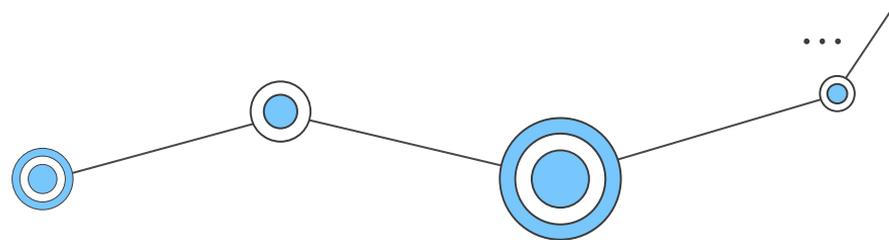
A **digital detox** is a period of time during which you do not use mobile phones, computers, etc because you usually use these devices too much



Digital footprint



Your digital footprint is the information that exists on the internet about you as a result of your online activity





Como nativa digital, Sarah se siente cómoda usando teléfonos inteligentes, computadoras y redes sociales

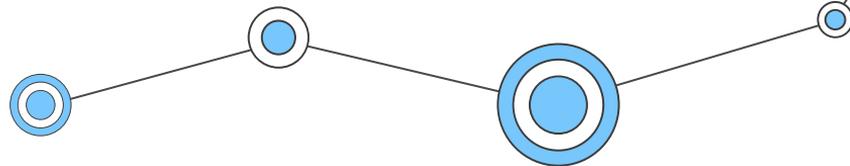
As a digital native, Sarah is comfortable using smartphones, computers, and social media

El equipo tuvo que desconectar el proyecto después de que no cumpliera con ninguno de sus objetivos

The team had to pull the plug on the project after it failed to meet any of its goal

John y yo estábamos en la misma sintonía, y rápidamente estuvimos de acuerdo con la nueva idea del proyecto

John and I were on the same wavelength, and we quickly agreed on the new project idea





La empresa tiene varias características nuevas en proceso y planea lanzarlas el próximo mes

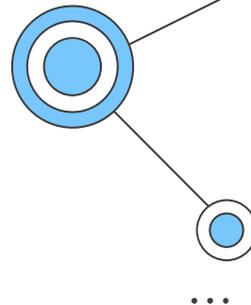
The company has several new features in the pipeline, and they plan to release them next month

María decidió hacer un detox digital y pasar un fin de semana sin dispositivos

Maria decided to do a digital detox and spent a weekend without any devices

Si estás desarrollando una nueva aplicación, es importante usar tu propio producto y probar la aplicación tú mismo antes de lanzarla al público

If you're developing a new app, it's important to eat your own dogfood and use the app yourself before releasing it to the public.

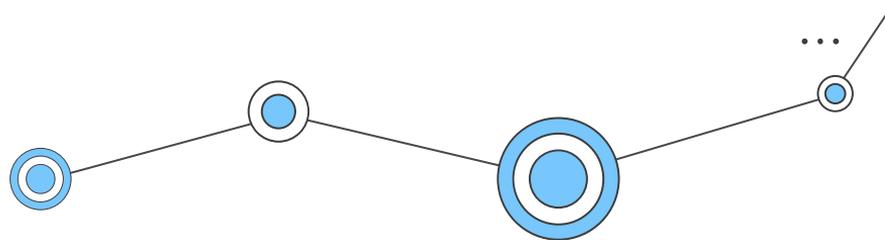


Es importante tener cuidado con lo que publicas en línea porque todo lo que haces crea una huella digital

It's important to be careful about what you post online because everything you do creates a digital footprint

Creo que confundimos las cosas. Pensé que la reunión era a las 3 p.m., pero estaba programada para las 2 p.m

I think we got our wires crossed. I thought the meeting was at 3 p.m., but it was scheduled for 2 p.m



Thanks!

Do you have any
questions?

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