

Using Generative AI images

Gen AI can be used to create images

If those images are passed off as actual photographs this can cause problems

How do you know when an image was created by AI?

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Sometimes it's easy to tell that an image is AI generated. Sometimes it's harder

Try with these 5 images and check your answers with me afterwards

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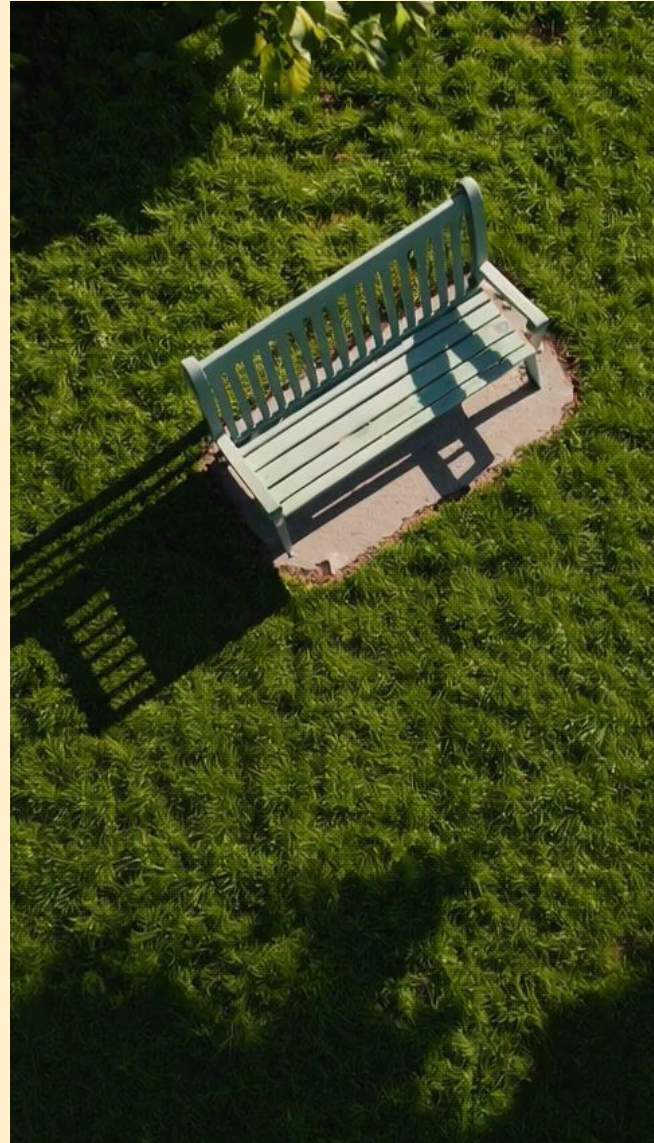
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Things that might give away whether an image is real or not include:

- Eyes might not look right
- Fingers or other body parts may not be in the right place. Fingers are sometimes wider than they should be
- Shadows might not be right
- People may look suspiciously similar
- Skin may be too smooth

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The images on slides 10 to 13 were all used on news stories on a travel website

Task: take a screenshot of each image and label it to show how you can tell it is an AI image

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Image used in a news story about EU border crossings



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Image used in a traffic in Cambridge



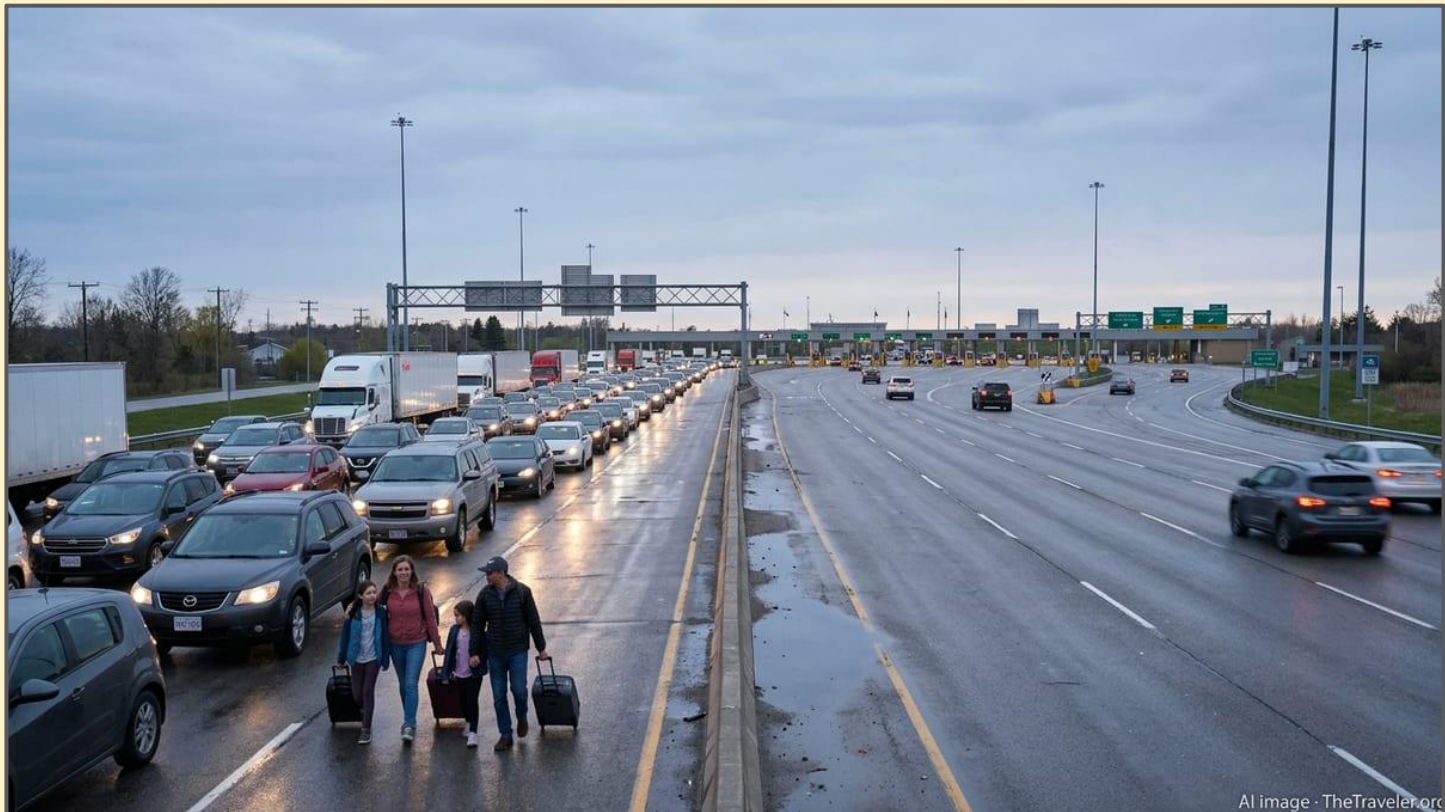
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Image used in a story about airport queues



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Image used in a news story about transport to airports in Canada



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In March 2026 there was a fire at Glasgow Central railway station which caused serious damage

The AI generated photo on the next slide was used in an article about the fire

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The image on slide 15 is a really bad fake

You can read about the real fire [in this BBC article](#)

You can check out the area around the station on [Google maps and on street view](#) (from before the fire!)

Task: label the image to show how bad the AI is in this case

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Label the
image to
show the
problems
with it

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