

AI vs. human revision: key differences

Type of change	Human revision	AI revision
Grammar & syntax	Humans tend to make subtle adjustments to improve readability, flow, and clarity . They may restructure sentences, fix awkward phrasing or add commas for better pacing.	AI tends to fix obvious grammar errors, but might miss more nuanced issues like sentence rhythm or overly complex sentence structures.
Word choice	Humans often focus on improving tone, style and clarity . They might use synonyms or adjust vocabulary to fit the audience.	AI may suggest synonyms or simpler words, but sometimes lacks the ability to adapt to the correct tone . AI models might choose words that are grammatically correct but do not always fit the context.
Clarity & conciseness	Humans will rephrase long or complex sentences to make them more concise and clearer , while keeping the meaning intact.	AI might shorten sentences, but sometimes sacrifices nuance for simplicity, which can lead to loss of important details or context .
Cultural/contextual sensitivity	Humans are sensitive to cultural nuances and context, adapting the language accordingly.	AI can miss cultural or contextual cues , leading to awkward or inappropriate revisions in certain contexts.
Fact checking & accuracy	Humans can perform deep fact checking and make adjustments based on domain knowledge.	AI models do not ‘understand’ facts; they rely on the data they have been trained on, which may be outdated or incomplete. AI revisions often miss complex factual corrections .

Summary

- **Humans** generally **make more nuanced revisions** focused on **improving flow, coherence, and context** while ensuring the text suits its intended purpose (e.g., formal vs. informal tone).
- **AI revisions** focus more on **surface-level errors** like grammar, punctuation, and word choice but often miss finer points like **tone** and **context**.