Flamingo

A Visual Language Model for Few-Shot Learning

Few-shot in-context learning

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Positive

Circulation revenue has increased by 5% in Finland. // Finance

They defeated ... in the NFC Championship Game. // Sports

Apple ... development of in-house chips. // Tech

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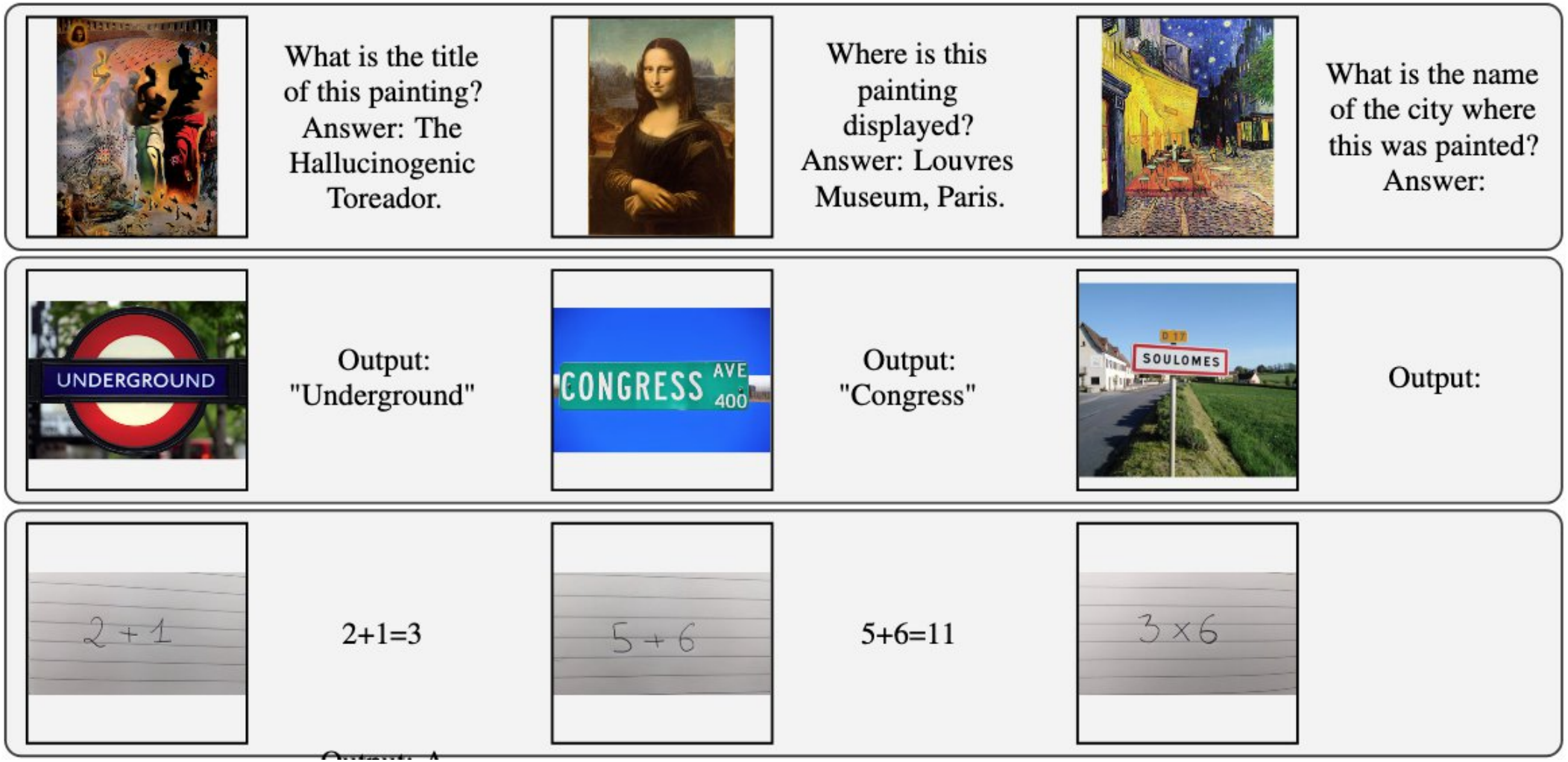
Finance

Multimodality



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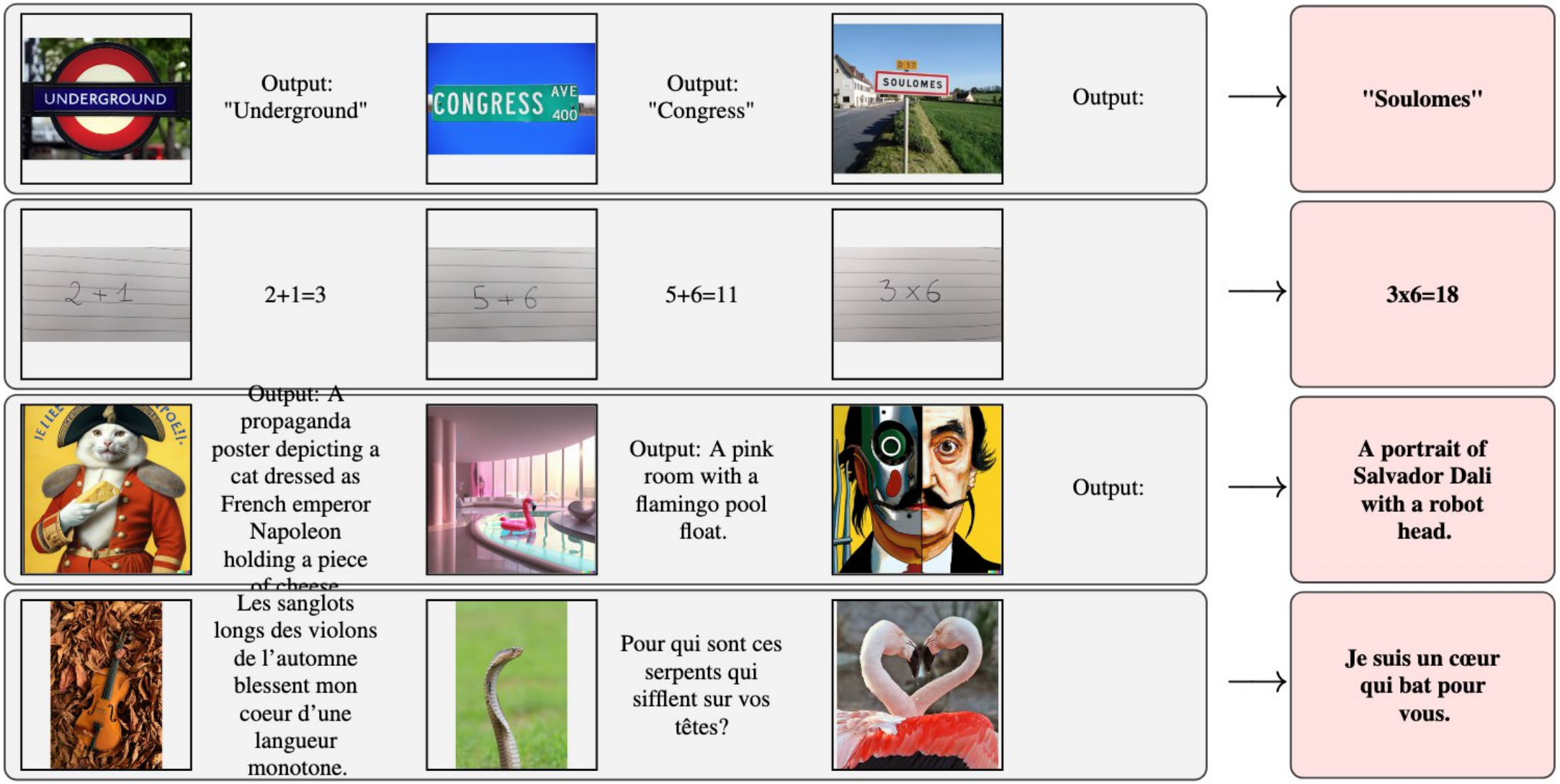
UNDERGROUND
Output: "Underground"
CONGRESS AVE 400
Output: "Congress"
SOULOMES
Output:
"Soulomes"
2+1
2+1=3
5+6
5+6=11
3x6
3x6=18
Output: A propaganda poster depicting a cat dressed as French emperor Napoleon holding a piece of cheese
Output: A pink room with a flamingo pool float.
Output:
A portrait of Salvador Dali with a robot head.
Les sanglots longs des violons de l'automne blessent mon coeur d'une langueur monotone.
Pour qui sont ces serpents qui sifflent sur vos têtes?
Je suis un cœur qui bat pour vous.

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This is a picture of two teddy bears on the moon.

What are they doing?

They are having a conversation.

What object are they using?

It looks like a computer.

Is this surprising?

Yes, it is surprising.

Why is this picture surprising to you?

I think it is surprising because teddy bears are not usually found on the moon.

What is the common thing about these three images?

They are all flamingos.

What is the difference between these three images?

The first one is a cartoon, the second one is a real flamingo, and the third one is a 3D model of a flamingo.

This is an apple with a sticker on it.

What does the sticker say?

The sticker says "iPod".

Where is the photo taken?

It looks like it's taken in a backyard.

Do you think it is printed or handwritten?

It looks like it's handwritten.

What color is the sticker?

It's white.

This is a cityscape. It looks like Chicago.

What makes you think this is Chicago?

I think it's Chicago because of the Shedd Aquarium in the background.

What about this one? Which city is this and what famous landmark helped you recognise the city?

This is Tokyo. I think it's Tokyo because of the Tokyo Tower.

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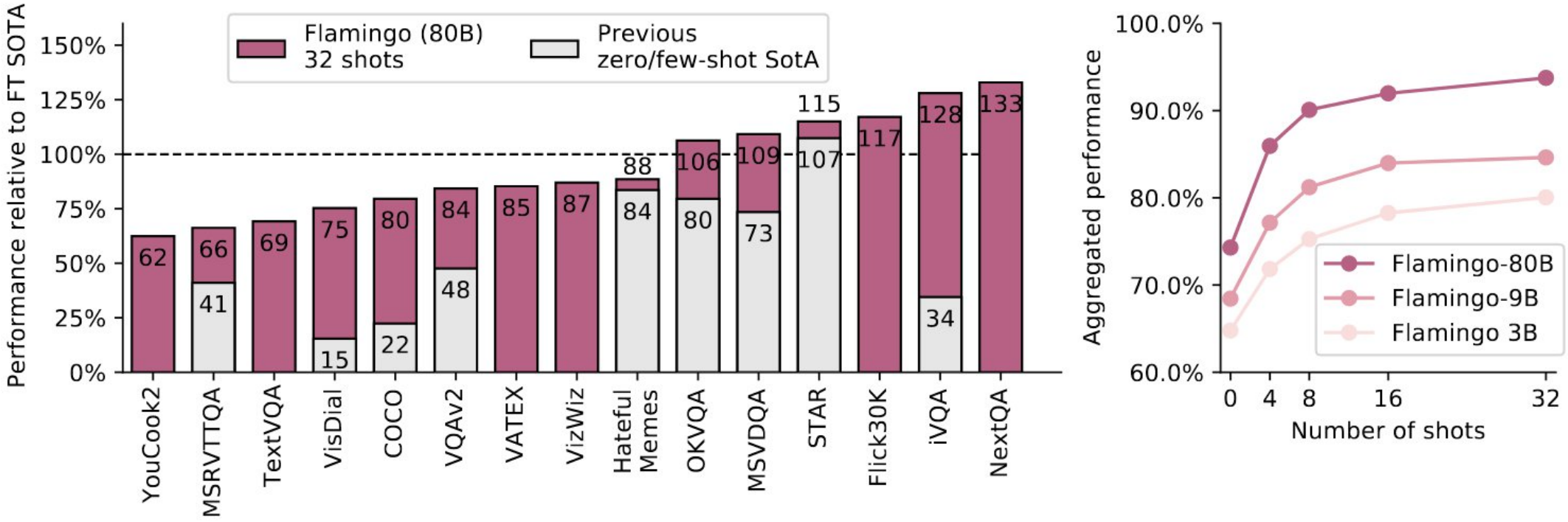
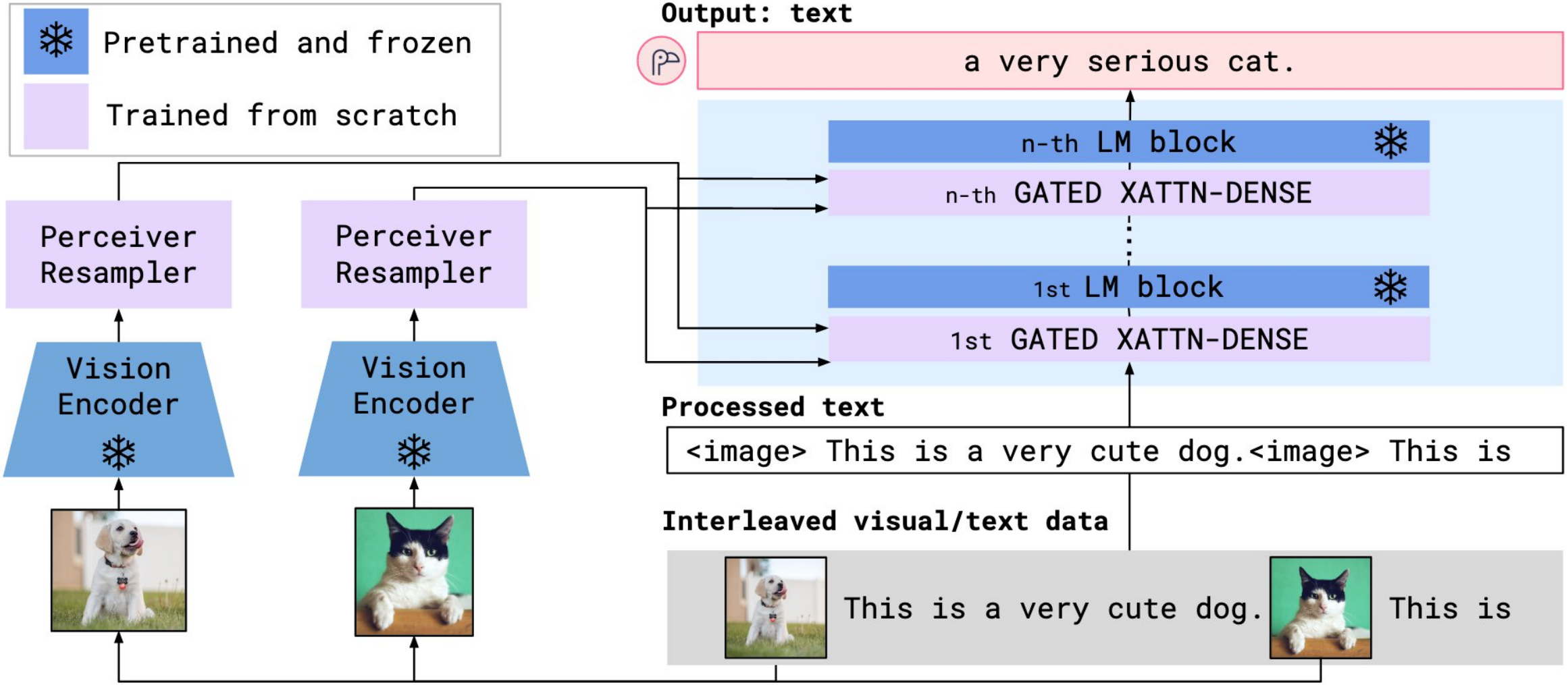


Figure 2: **Flamingo results overview.** *Left*: Our largest model, dubbed *Flamingo*, outperforms state-of-the-art fine-tuned models on 6 of the 16 tasks we consider with no fine-tuning. For the 9 tasks with published few-shot results, *Flamingo* sets the new few-shot state of the art. *Note:* We omit RareAct, our 16th benchmark, as it is a zero-shot benchmark with no available fine-tuned results to compare to. *Right*: Flamingo performance improves with model size and number of shots.

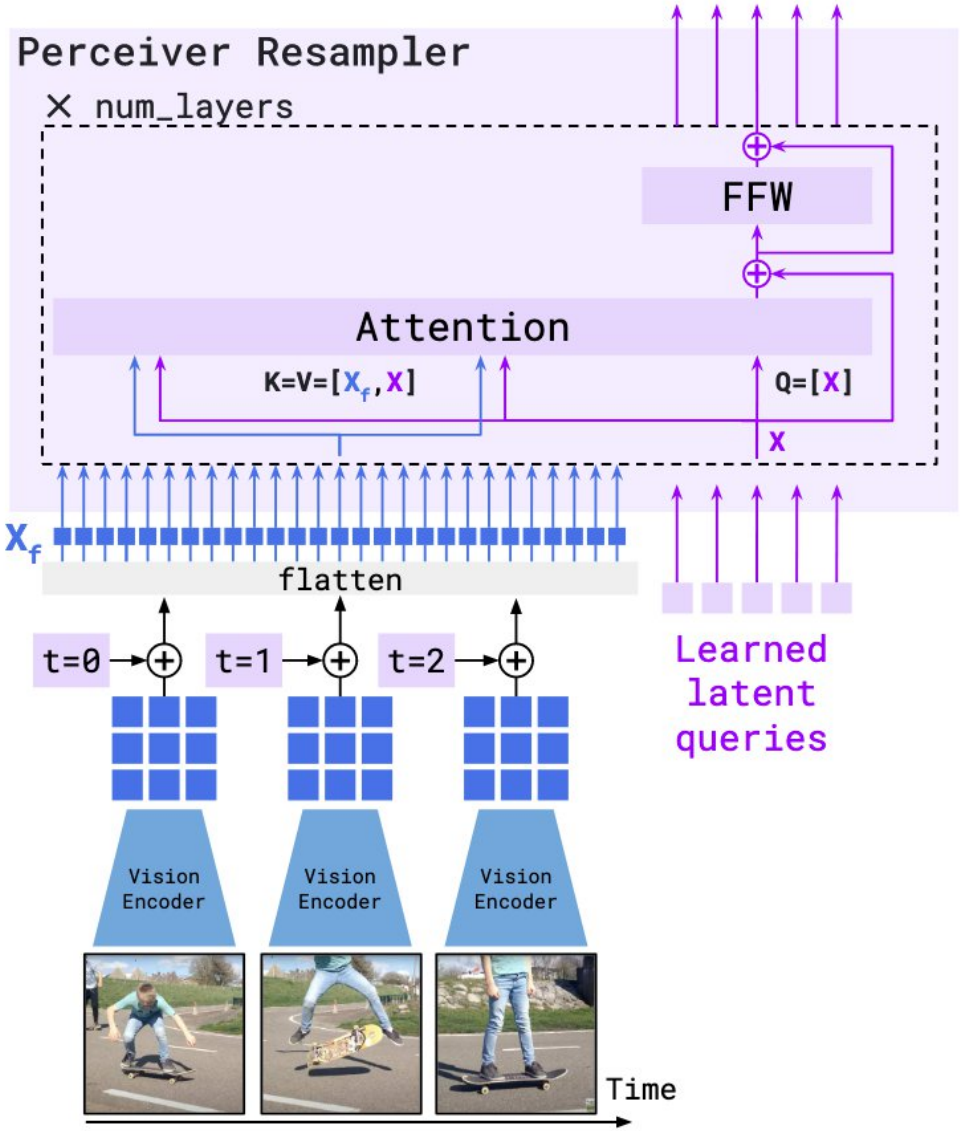
Problems

- Add image processing into pretrained LM for *text*
- Get compact image embeddings
  with temporal encoding
- Gather proper multimodal dataset

Architecture



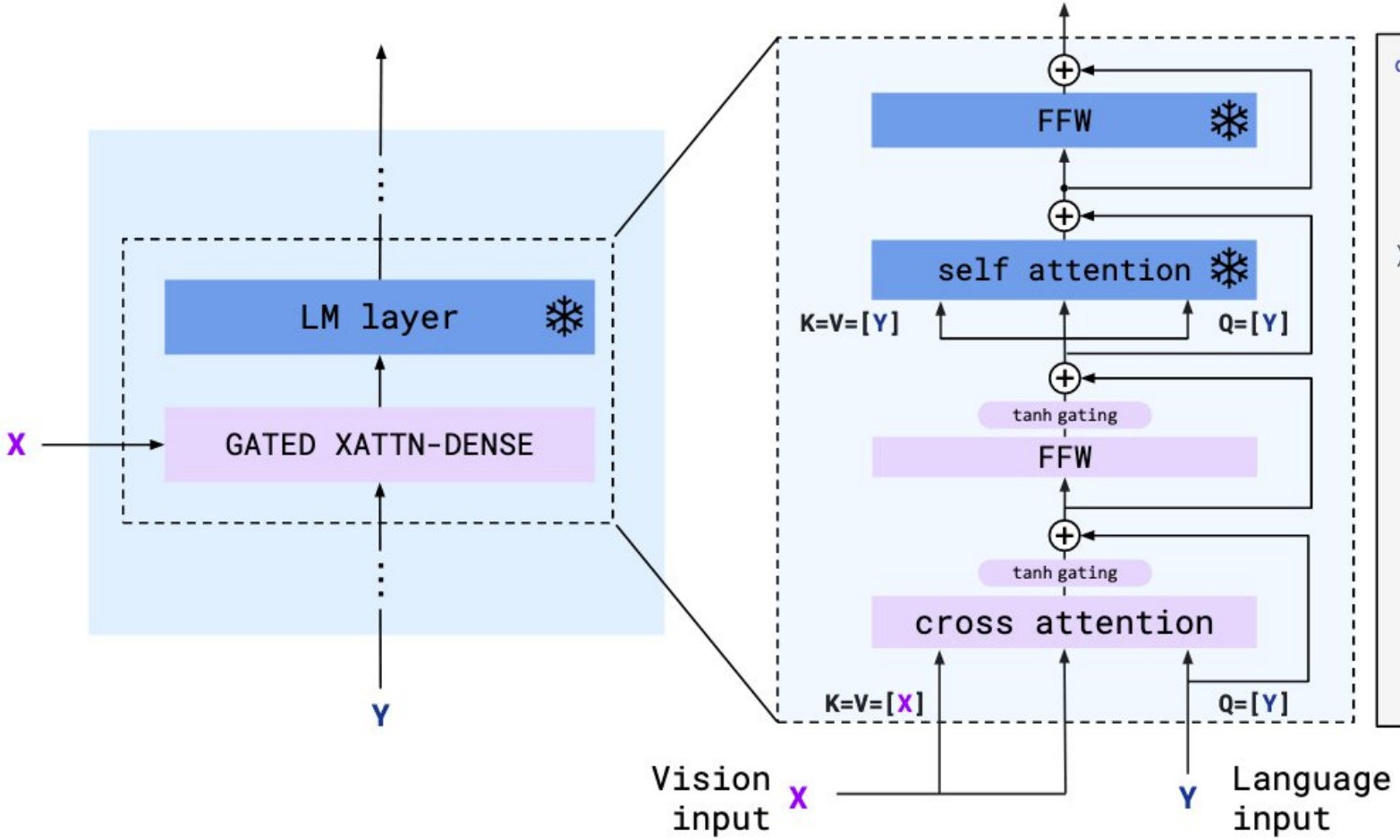
Perceiver Resampler




```python
def perceiver_resampler(
    x_f,  # The [T, S, d] visual features (T=time, S=space)
    time_embeddings,  # The [T, 1, d] time pos embeddings.
    x,  # R learned latents of shape [R, d]
    num_layers,  # Number of layers
):
  """The Perceiver Resampler model."""

  # Add the time position embeddings and flatten.
  x_f = x_f + time_embeddings
  x_f = flatten(x_f)  # [T, S, d] -> [T * S, d]
  # Apply the Perceiver Resampler layers.
  for i in range(num_layers):
    # Attention.
    x = x + attention_i(q=x, kv=concat([x_f, x]))
    # Feed forward.
    x = x + ffw_i(x)
  return x
```

Gated CrossAttention




```python
def gated_xattn_dense(
    y,  # input language features
    x,  # input visual features
    alpha_xattn, # xattn gating parameter – init at 0.
    alpha_dense, # ffw gating parameter – init at 0.
):
  """Applies a GATED XATTN-DENSE layer."""

  # 1. Gated Cross Attention
  y = y + tanh(alpha_xattn) * attention(q=y, kv=x)
  # 2. Gated Feed Forward (dense) Layer
  y = y + tanh(alpha_dense) * ffw(y)

  # Regular self-attention + FFW on language
  y = y + frozen_attention(q=y, kv=y)
  y = y + frozen_ffw(y)
  return y  # output visually informed language features
```

Dataset

Figure 9: **Training datasets.** Mixture of training datasets of different formats. N corresponds to the number of visual inputs for a single example. For paired image (or video) and text datasets, $N = 1$. T is the number of video frames ($T = 1$ for images). H, W, and C are height, width and color channels.

Dataset: RICES

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x_train // y_train

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x_test // _____

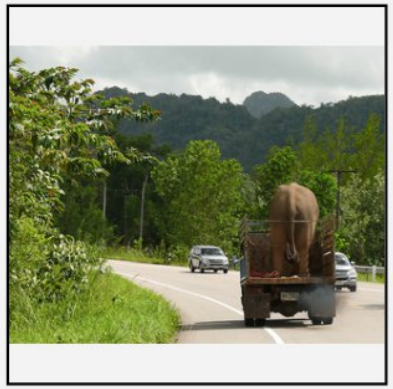
Results: Benchmarks

Method	FT	Shot	OKVQA (I)	VQAv2 (I)	COCO (I)	MSVDQA (V)	VATEX (V)	VizWiz (I)	Flick30K (I)	MSRVTTQA (V)	iVQA (V)	YouCook2 (V)	STAR (V)	VisDial (I)	TextVQA (I)	NextQA (I)	HatefulMemes (I)	RareAct (V)
Zero/Few shot SOTA	✗	(X)	[34] 43.3 (16)	[114] 38.2 (4)	[124] 32.2 (0)	[58] 35.2 (0)	-	-	-	[58] 19.2 (0)	[135] 12.2 (0)	-	[143] 39.4 (0)	[79] 11.6 (0)	-	-	[85] 66.1 (0)	[85] 40.7 (0)
Flamingo-3B	✗	0	41.2	49.2	73.0	27.5	40.1	28.9	60.6	11.0	32.7	55.8	39.6	46.1	30.1	21.3	53.7	58.4
	✗	4	43.3	53.2	85.0	33.0	50.0	34.0	72.0	14.9	35.7	64.6	41.3	47.3	32.7	22.4	53.6	-
	✗	32	45.9	57.1	99.0	42.6	59.2	45.5	71.2	25.6	37.7	76.7	41.6	47.3	30.6	26.1	56.3	-
Flamingo-9B	✗	0	44.7	51.8	79.4	30.2	39.5	28.8	61.5	13.7	35.2	55.0	41.8	48.0	31.8	23.0	57.0	57.9
	✗	4	49.3	56.3	93.1	36.2	51.7	34.9	72.6	18.2	37.7	70.8	**42.8**	50.4	33.6	24.7	62.7	-
	✗	32	51.0	60.4	106.3	47.2	57.4	44.0	72.8	29.4	40.7	77.3	41.2	50.4	32.6	28.4	63.5	-
Flamingo	✗	0	50.6	56.3	84.3	35.6	46.7	31.6	67.2	17.4	40.7	60.1	39.7	52.0	35.0	26.7	46.4	**60.8**
	✗	4	57.4	63.1	103.2	41.7	56.0	39.6	75.1	23.9	44.1	74.5	42.4	**55.6**	36.5	30.8	68.6	-
	✗	32	**57.8**	**67.6**	**113.8**	**52.3**	**65.1**	**49.8**	**75.4**	**31.0**	**45.3**	**86.8**	42.2	**55.6**	**37.9**	**33.5**	**70.0**	-
Pretrained FT SOTA	✔	(X)	54.4 [34] (10K)	80.2 [140] (444K)	143.3 [124] (500K)	47.9 [28] (27K)	76.3 [153] (500K)	57.2 [65] (20K)	67.4 [150] (30K)	46.8 [51] (130K)	35.4 [135] (6K)	138.7 [132] (10K)	36.7 [128] (46K)	75.2 [79] (123K)	54.7 [137] (20K)	25.2 [129] (38K)	79.1 [62] (9K)	-

Results: Classification

Model	Method	Prompt size	shots/class	ImageNet top 1	Kinetics700 avg top1/5
SotA	Fine-tuned	-	full	90.9 [127]	89.0 [134]
SotA	Contrastive	-	0	**85.7 [82]**	**69.6 [85]**
NFNetF6	Our contrastive	-	0	77.9	62.9
Flamingo-3B	RICES	8	1	70.9	55.9
		16	1	71.0	56.9
		16	5	72.7	58.3
Flamingo-9B	RICES	8	1	71.2	58.0
		16	1	71.7	59.4
		16	5	75.2	60.9
Flamingo-80B	Random	16	≤ 0.02	66.4	51.2
	RICES	8	1	71.9	60.4
		16	1	71.7	62.7
		16	5	76.0	63.5
	RICES+ensembling	16	5	77.3	64.2

Examples

Input Prompt	 Question: What do you think the capacities of these are? Answer:	 Question: What is odd about this image? Explain why it is unusual. Answer:	 Question: What country is this? Why do you think so? Answer:
Completion	**The floppy disk is 1.44MB and the CD is 700MB.**	**The image is odd because the elephant is in the back of the truck. It is unusual because elephants are not usually transported in the back of a truck.**	**It is Canada. I think so because the flag is the Canadian flag.**

Examples

What is the name of the company on this card?

It's Homebase.

What is its web url?

It's homebase.co.uk.

What are they doing?

They are a home improvement retailer.

This is a picture of a dog. It looks like it is a little bit naughty.

What happened here?

It looks like the dog is destroying the sofa.

How does the person thinking about it?

The person is angry.

What is the person holding?

It looks like a cup of coffee.

How is the weather outside?

It looks like a sunny day.

What is in this picture?

It's a bowl of soup with a monster face on it.

What is the monster made out of?

It's made out of vegetables.

No, it's made out of a kind of fabric. Can you see what kind?

It's made out of a woolen fabric.

This is a dog. It's a white fluffy dog.

What season is this?

It looks like a summer day.

Why do you think so?

The grass is green and the dog is not wearing a sweater.

What breed is the dog?

It's a Samoyed.

Is the dog running?

No, it's sitting.

Can you describe the pose of its back legs?

The back legs are bent and the dog is sitting on its haunches.

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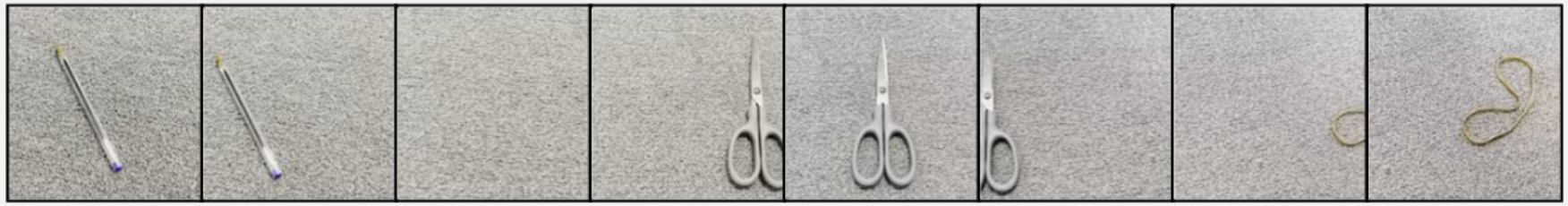


Question: What are the three objects in this video? Answer:

→ **A scissors, a pen, and a rubber band.**

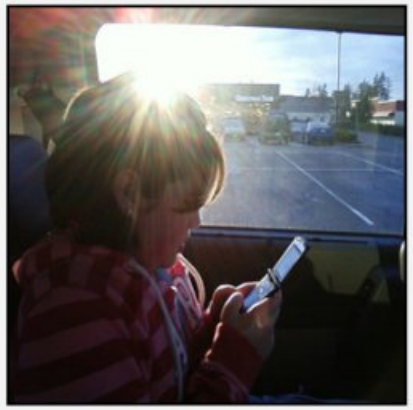
Question: What is written here? Answer:

→ **Flamingo.**

What happens to the man after hitting the ball? Answer:

→ **he falls down.**

Examples

Input Prompt	 Question: What is on the phone screen? Answer:	 Question: What can you see out the window? Answer:	 Question: Whom is the person texting? Answer:
Output	**A text message from a friend.**	**A parking lot.**	**The driver.**