



READING ARTICLES

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1. Pre-reading task

Answer briefly:

- **What does the word 'hype' mean in technology?**

In technology, "hype" means there is a lot of excitement and publicity about a new product. People talk about it all the time and say it is perfect, but sometimes the technology is not ready or as good as they say.

- **Can you think of one overhyped technology?**

One example of an overhyped technology is **3D TVs**. About ten years ago, electronic companies said that 3D was the future of cinema at home. They thought everyone would wear special glasses to watch television. However, users found the glasses uncomfortable and there was not much 3D content. Today, companies do not manufacture 3D TVs anymore.

2. Main idea

Choose the best answer:

- a) AI will replace most human jobs.
- b) AI will focus on practical and useful solutions.**
- c) AI development will stop.

3. Vocabulary in context

Write a short definition for the following words:

- pragmatism: It is an approach that focuses on practical results and real-world solutions rather than theories or hype.
- scaling laws: The theory that increasing the amount of data and computer power will always make AI models smarter and better.
- agentic workflows : These are systems where AI "agents" connect to tools, APIs, and databases to complete complex tasks automatically.
- physical AI : It is Artificial Intelligence integrated into physical devices like robots, drones, and wearable tech to interact with the 3D world.

4. Comprehension questions

Answer in 2–3 sentences:

1. Why is AI moving away from hype?

AI is moving away from hype because the industry wants practical results. Now, the focus is on making technology usable and useful for real work instead of just showing flashy demos.

2. What problems do very large models cause?

Very large models are very expensive and they require a lot of energy. Also, many researchers believe that making models bigger is not improving their intelligence anymore.

3. Why are smaller models becoming popular?

Smaller models are becoming popular because they are fast and cheap for businesses. They work very well for specific tasks and can run on local devices like mobile phones or smart glasses.

4. How should humans and AI work together?

AI should help or "augment" humans instead of replacing them. The goal is to create systems that integrate into human workflows to help people work more efficiently.

5. What is physical AI?

Physical AI is the integration of intelligence into devices like robots, drones, and wearables. These systems learn how the real 3D world works so they can take physical actions.

5. Opinion task

Do you agree or disagree with one idea from the article? Explain why (4–5 lines).

I agree with the idea that AI will augment humans instead of replacing them. As a software development student, I think AI is a great assistant for coding because it can find errors or write simple functions very fast. However, a person is always necessary to design the logic and check the final result. In my opinion, the combination of human creativity and AI speed is the best way to work.

6. Personal reflection

How could pragmatic AI be useful in your future job or studies? (5–7 lines)

I am a software development student and pragmatic AI will be very important for my future. In my studies, tools like ChatGPT or GitHub Copilot already help me to find bugs and write code faster. In my future job, I can use Small Language Models (SLMs) to create mobile apps that work on local devices. Also, AI agents will help me with boring tasks like writing documentation or testing the software. Pragmatic AI is a great assistant that allows me to focus on solving complex problems. Finally, I believe that learning to use AI is essential to become a better developer in 2026.