

# Machine Learning

Think of ML like teaching a kid.

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## **1 Supervised Learning → “Teacher helps”**

You give:

- Question
- Correct Answer

Kid learns by seeing examples again and again.

### Two Types inside Supervised Learning

#### **(i) Classification → Choose a category**

Model predicts *labels*.

Examples:

- Cat vs Dog
- Spam vs Not spam
- Disease vs No disease

**Methods used:**

- Logistic Regression
- SVM
- Decision Trees

- Random Forest
  - KNN
  - Naive Bayes
  - Neural Networks
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## (ii) Regression → Predict a number

Model predicts *continuous value*.

Examples:

- House price
- Temperature
- Salary

**Methods used:**

- Linear Regression
- Polynomial Regression
- SVR
- Decision Tree Regressor
- Random Forest Regressor



Model learns: Input → Output

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## 2 Unsupervised Learning → “Kid explores alone”

No answers given.

Kid finds hidden patterns by himself.

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## Types of Unsupervised Learning

### (i) Clustering → Group similar things

Examples:

- Group customers (rich, medium, low spenders)
- Google Photos grouping faces

**Methods used:**

- K-Means
  - Hierarchical Clustering
  - DBSCAN
  - Gaussian Mixture Models
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### (ii) Dimensionality Reduction → Compress information

Examples:

- Reduce 100 features → 2 features
- Remove noise
- Visualize data

**Methods used:**

- PCA

- t-SNE
  - UMAP
  - Autoencoders
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### (iii) Association Rule Learning → Find items that go together

Examples:

- Amazon “People also bought”
- Market basket

Methods used:

- Apriori
- FP-Growth

 Model learns: Patterns, groups, similarities

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## 3] Semi-Supervised Learning → “Teacher gives few answers”

A little labeled data + lots of unlabeled data.

Useful when **labeling is expensive**.

Examples:

- Medical images
- Speech recognition

- Google Photos face grouping

### Methods used:

- Pseudo-labeling
- Self-training
- Consistency regularization
- Graph-based methods

🧠 Model uses both:

Few examples + a lot of raw data

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## 4 Reinforcement Learning → “Kid learns by trial & error”

Kid tries → reward or penalty → learns best behavior.

Examples:

- Self-driving car
  - Robotics
  - Chess AI
  - Stock trading bots
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## Types inside Reinforcement Learning

### (i) Value-Based Methods

Learn value of states/actions.

- Q-Learning
- Deep Q-Networks (DQN)

## (ii) Policy-Based Methods

Learn the best policy directly.

- REINFORCE
- PPO (Proximal Policy Optimization)

## (iii) Actor–Critic Methods

Combination of value + policy learning.

- A2C
- A3C
- DDPG

 Model learns: Do → Get Reward → Improve

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# 5 Self-Supervised Learning → “Kid creates his own questions”

The model creates labels from data itself.

It hides some part of input → predicts missing part.

Examples:

- GPT predicting next word
- BERT masking words

- Vision transformers predicting image patches

### **Methods used:**

- Masked Language Modeling (MLM)
- Next Token Prediction (GPT)
- Contrastive Learning (SimCLR, MoCo)
- Autoencoders
- BYOL / DINO

 **Model learns internal structure of data**  
(This is the core of modern Deep Learning)

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## **⭐ THE BEST MEMORY TRICK (Now with Types + Methods)**

Student Type	ML Type	How They Learn	Sub-types	Main Algorithms
Teacher + Answers	<b>Supervised</b>	Labeled data	Classification, Regression	SVM, LR, RF, NN
No teacher	<b>Unsupervised</b>	Finds patterns	Clustering, Dimensionality Reduction, Association	K-Means, PCA, Apriori
Few answers	<b>Semi-supervised</b>	Mix of both	Pseudo-label, Graph methods	Self-training, Consistency loss
Learns by reward	<b>Reinforcement</b>	Trial & error	Value, Policy, Actor-Critic	Q-learning, PPO, DQN
Creates own questions	<b>Self-supervised</b>	Predict missing parts	Masking, contrastive	BERT, GPT, SimCLR