What is an n-gram
An n-gram is a way to look at sentences by grouping words together in chunks of 'n'. Here, 'n' represents the number of words to group together. It's like dividing a sentence into little pieces.

Why Use n-grams
For a computer to understand a sentence, it's important to grasp how the words connect, i.e., the context, rather than just looking at each word individually. n-grams help in understanding the context.

n-gram Examples
Sentence: "An adorable little boy is spreading smiles"

- **Unigram (1-gram):** Look at each word individually.
- An, adorable, little, boy, is, spreading, smiles
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- **Bigram (2-gram):** Group the words in pairs.
- An adorable, adorable little, little boy, boy is, is spreading, spreading smiles
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- **Trigram (3-gram):** Group the words in threes.
- An adorable little, adorable little boy, little boy is, boy is spreading, is spreading smiles
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- **4-gram:** Group the words in fours.
- An adorable little boy, adorable little boy is, little boy is spreading, boy is spreading smiles
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n-gram Language Model
An n-gram language model is a model that predicts what word will come next by looking at the previous n-1 words.

Key Point:
The n-gram language model doesn't look at the entire content of the sentence; it only looks at a fixed number (n-1) of words and predicts the next word. The larger the n, the more context is considered, but the sparsity problem can become more severe.

Why Predict So Simply
Computers lack the ability to fully understand sentences, so they need to learn by creating rules that are as simple as possible. n-grams are an effective method that can consider context while reducing the amount of computation.