

## IDIOMS ABOUT TECHNOLOGY



### 1- Match the idioms (A–O) with their meanings (1–15).

- A. Blow a fuse
- B. Garbage in, garbage out
- C. Push the envelope
- D. Pull the plug
- E. Edge case
- F. Move the needle
- G. Black box
- H. Recharge your batteries
- I. Back to the drawing board
- J. Plug into something
- K. Cutting-edge technology
- L. Hard-wired
- M. Flip the switch
- N. Behind the curve
- O. Fail-safe

- 1. A system whose internal workings are unknown
- 2. Designed to prevent serious failure
- 3. To become extremely angry
- 4. Extremely modern and advanced technology
- 5. To activate something suddenly
- 6. Poor input produces poor results
- 7. A rare situation that tests the limits of a system
- 8. To start again after a failed attempt
- 9. To rest and regain energy
- 10. To connect to a system or network
- 11. To go beyond normal technological limits
- 12. Built permanently into a system or deeply ingrained
- 13. To stop a project suddenly
- 14. To create a noticeable improvement
- 15. To be outdated or slower than others in technolog

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O

### 2 - Fill in the gaps with the following idioms:

**cutting-edge, garbage in garbage out, flip the switch, fail-safe, spark an idea, low-hanging fruit, behind the curve, push the envelope, back to the drawing board, black box, bandwidth, scaling up, edge case, plug into, recharge your batteries**

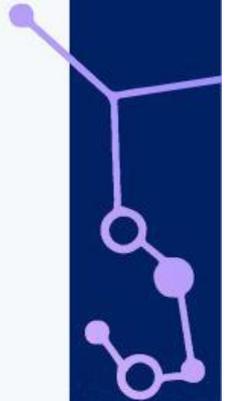
1. The robotics lab is developing \_\_\_\_\_ technology for autonomous surgery.
2. If the data is wrong, the AI model will fail – it's a clear case of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Tomorrow morning the engineers will \_\_\_\_\_ and activate the new control system.
4. Optimizing the interface is the \_\_\_\_\_ before solving harder problems.
5. I'd help train the model today, but I don't have the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The failure during testing means it's \_\_\_\_\_ for the prototype.
7. The emergency shutdown is a \_\_\_\_\_ mechanism to protect the workers.
8. Companies that ignore artificial intelligence risk falling \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Some deep learning systems act like a \_\_\_\_\_ because their decisions are difficult to explain.
10. The engineers want to \_\_\_\_\_ and explore completely new robotics designs.
11. The AI encountered an unusual \_\_\_\_\_ that the developers never predicted.
12. The robot must \_\_\_\_\_ the central database to update its software.
13. The team hopes their experiment will \_\_\_\_\_ for a revolutionary design.
14. Expanding the system globally requires \_\_\_\_\_ the infrastructure.
15. After a stressful week in the lab, the researchers took the weekend to \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3 - Each sentence contains an incorrect idiom or incorrect usage. Replace it with the correct idiom.

1. The programmer **pushed the fuse** when the system crashed.
2. The engineers decided to **recharge the envelope** of robotics innovation.
3. Our startup focuses on **bleeding batteries technology**.
4. The manager **plugged the plug** on the robotics project.
5. The robot encountered a rare **corner apple** during testing.
6. The researchers must **move the batteries** before launching the new system.
7. The AI algorithm became **a dark cube** that nobody understood.
8. After the prototype collapsed, the team went **back to the painting board**.
9. The system needs **a safe fail** to prevent accidents.
10. The engineers will **spark the switch** tomorrow to start the machines.
11. If the dataset is incorrect, the model will produce errors — **trash in, trash out**.
12. The company ignored automation and now it is **after the curve**.

#### 4 - Click on the correct option.

1. The company is developing \_\_\_\_\_ robotics for space exploration.  
A) cutting-edge  
B) low-hanging fruit  
C) recharge batteries  
D) behind the curve
2. When the prototype failed again, the engineer almost \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) pulled the signal  
B) blew a fuse  
C) moved the noise  
D) scaled the plug
3. The AI model failed because the dataset was poor – classic \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) garbage in, garbage out  
B) push the envelope  
C) black box  
D) fail-safe
4. If the project keeps losing money, investors may \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) move the needle  
B) pull the plug  
C) flip the edge  
D) recharge batteries
5. Self-driving cars must be prepared for every possible \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) edge case  
B) bandwidth  
C) cutting edge  
D) signal noise
6. This discovery might really \_\_\_\_\_ in medical robotics.  
A) blow the fuse  
B) move the needle  
C) plug the noise  
D) recharge the system
7. The AI system behaves like a \_\_\_\_\_ because nobody fully understands how it decides.  
A) black box  
B) edge switch  
C) signal wire  
D) data battery





8. The engineers decided to \_\_\_\_ and try a completely new design.

- A) move the plug
- B) go behind the curve
- C) go back to the drawing board
- D) recharge the signal

9. I cannot help with the new software project because I don't have the \_\_\_\_.

- A) bandwidth
- B) envelope
- C) fuse
- D) edge case

10. The robot will \_\_\_\_ the system tomorrow morning and start the factory line.

- A) flip the switch
- B) recharge the envelope
- C) move the fuse
- D) plug the needle

11. If companies ignore AI trends they may fall \_\_\_\_.

- A) behind the curve
- B) inside the box
- C) under the wire
- D) over the noise

12. Engineers added several \_\_\_\_ mechanisms to prevent dangerous failures.

- A) edge
- B) fail-safe
- C) noise
- D) spark idea

