

3. Non-Word Tokens

What a comma costs

An AI agent counts each punctuation mark as its own token. The agent receives “Hello, world!”. How many tokens does it count?

Step 1: Write each token in a box

Hello	,	world	!		
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Step 2: Count the filled boxes

4 tokens

Practice 1

An AI agent counts each punctuation mark as its own token. The agent receives “Wait, what?”. How many tokens does it count?

Step 1: Write each token in a box

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Step 2: Count the filled boxes

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Practice 2

An AI agent counts each punctuation mark as its own token. The agent receives “Stop, look, and listen!”. How many tokens does it count?

Step 1: Write each token in a box

Step 2: Count the filled boxes

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