Make a ten-term glossary

Starter · 1–3 hours · Free · Step-by-step guide

Online version: https://ai-safety-sandbox.vercel.app/projects/ten-term-glossary/

Summary

Define ten key terms from the theme you're most curious about, in one sentence each with an everyday example, then compare them with the site's glossary.

Why it matters

Vocabulary is the first barrier for newcomers. Writing definitions yourself is the fastest way through it, and the result helps the next person.

What you will have at the end

A one-page glossary.

Steps (tick each box as you go)

- [ ] **1. Choose your area (5 min)**
  Pick one of the five themes.
- [ ] **2. Collect ten terms (20 min)**
  Skim a beginner reading or two and note the words you had to look up.
- [ ] **3. Write your definitions (30 min)**
  One sentence each, plus an everyday example. No definition may use another unexplained term.
- [ ] **4. Compare and improve (15 min)**
  Compare with this site's glossary. Where is yours clearer? Where did you get it wrong?

What you need

- About an hour

What you will learn

- The core vocabulary of the field

Source and links

Written for this site

When you have finished

Write a few paragraphs on what you did, what you found and what you would try next, and share it with a friend, your society or online.

Try next: Explain one safety idea to a friend
https://ai-safety-sandbox.vercel.app/projects/explain-safety-idea-to-a-friend/

Courses, mentors, small grants and communities:
https://ai-safety-sandbox.vercel.app/next-steps/

Questions? Ask in AI Safety Cardiff University (AISCU): https://aiscu.org/

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