

DeepSeek: A Rising AI Competitor

DeepSeek is a Chinese AI company founded in 2023. It quickly developed advanced AI models like DeepSeek-V3 and DeepSeek-R1. These models work as well as OpenAI's GPT-4 and GPT-4.5, but cost much less to train and run. Many experts see DeepSeek as a strong competitor in the AI industry.

DeepSeek has gained global attention, but some worry about data security. Taiwan's government warned that public offices and critical systems should not use DeepSeek's products. They believe the company's AI may send data across borders, further leading to leaks. Some businesses and experts also share these concerns, especially when handling sensitive information. Because of this, some organizations prefer to use AI models from companies in their own countries.

DeepSeek has also made some of its AI models open-source, which means anyone can use or improve them for free. Some believe this makes AI more available to new companies, helping more people enter the AI industry. However, others worry that open-source AI could be misused. If harmful groups access powerful AI models, they might use



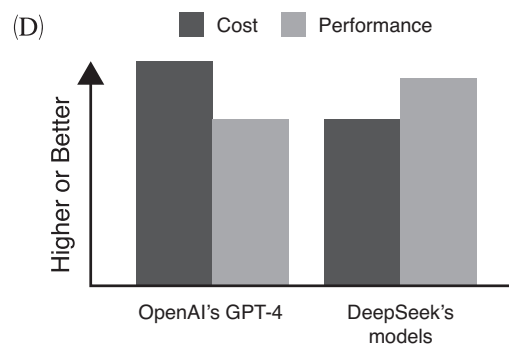
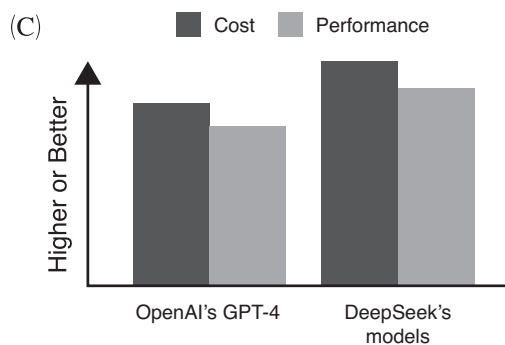
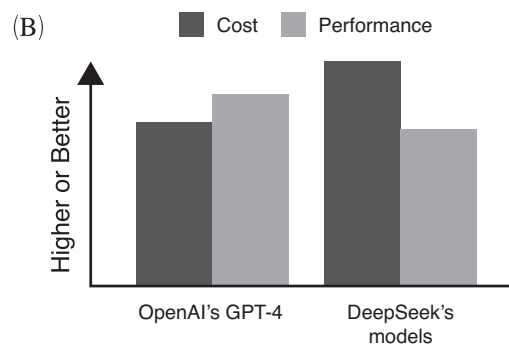
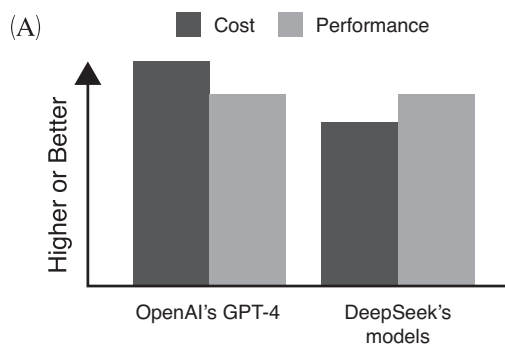
these models to spread false information or create dangerous content.

DeepSeek's fast growth shows how quickly AI technology is improving. Many businesses, researchers, and developers are interested in its work. Nevertheless, some governments and organizations are still deciding if they should use DeepSeek's AI. They want to make sure it is safe and does not put their data at risk.

In short, DeepSeek is changing the AI world. It offers new opportunities, but it also raises concerns about security, ethics, and global competition.

Reading Comprehension

- () 1. What is the main idea of the passage? (main idea)
- (A) DeepSeek is the most powerful AI company in the world.
 (B) DeepSeek focuses on open-source AI development in particular.
 (C) DeepSeek's AI models are not only widely accepted but also quite safe.
 (D) DeepSeek is a fast-growing AI company with both opportunities and concerns.
- () 2. Which of the following is most likely the purpose of the passage? (purpose)
- (A) To warn people about the dangers of AI technology.
 (B) To introduce DeepSeek and its impact on the AI industry.
 (C) To explain how to use DeepSeek's AI models for business.
 (D) To compare DeepSeek with all other AI companies worldwide.
- () 3. What is the passage's overall tone toward DeepSeek? (tone)
- (A) Doubtful and negative. (B) Supportive and trusting.
 (C) Hopeful and welcoming. (D) Balanced and informative.
- () 4. According to the passage, which of the following pictures best represents DeepSeek?



Vocabulary and Phrases

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| 1. competitor <i>n.</i> 競爭者 | 4. open-source <i>adj.</i> (軟體等) 開源的 | 7. developer <i>n.</i> 開發者 |
| 2. critical <i>adj.</i> 極重要的, 關鍵的 | 5. misuse <i>v.</i> 濫用, 不當使用 | 8. opportunity <i>n.</i> 機會 |
| 3. leak <i>n.</i> 洩漏; 漏洞 | 6. access <i>v.</i> 取得 | 9. ethics <i>n. pl.</i> 道德規範, 倫理道德 |

Star's Sudden Death Warns of Flu Dangers

The famous actress Barbie Hsu (also known as Big S) passed away suddenly in Japan during the Lunar New Year holiday at the age of 48. Reports say she had the flu, which led to serious lung problems. Her passing shocked many people and reminded us 1 the flu can be very dangerous.

The flu is a common illness that spreads easily. It can cause fever, coughing, a sore throat, and muscle pain. Most people recover on their own, but some groups have a higher risk of serious problems. These 2 older adults, young children, pregnant women, and people with long-term health issues. In some cases, the flu can cause life-threatening conditions. This is why it is important to take steps to 3 it.

Getting a flu shot is the best way to stay safe. Health experts recommend getting vaccinated in September or October, but it is still helpful later in the flu season. Even in January or later, getting

vaccinated can lower the risk of severe illness. Besides vaccination, good hygiene can also help. Washing hands often and avoiding touching your face can reduce the chance of getting sick. 4, covering your mouth when coughing or sneezing can also help effectively prevent the flu from spreading.

The sudden loss of Barbie Hsu is a sad reminder that the flu should not be ignored. We should 5 flu prevention 5 to protect ourselves and others. By being careful and getting vaccinated, we can lower the risk of infection and tragedies like this.



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| () 1. (A) that | (B) what | (C) whom | (D) which |
| () 2. (A) bother | (B) gather | (C) include | (D) concern |
| () 3. (A) deposit | (B) prevent | (C) capture | (D) frighten |
| () 4. (A) Anyway | (B) However | (C) Therefore | (D) Meanwhile |
| () 5. (A) check ; out | (B) turn ; down | (C) put ; together | (D) take ; seriously |

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| 1. coughing <i>n.</i> 咳嗽 | 4. recommend <i>v.</i> 推薦 | 7. sneeze <i>v.</i> 打噴嚏 |
| 2. pregnant <i>adj.</i> 懷孕的 | 5. vaccination <i>n.</i> 接種疫苗 | 8. reminder <i>n.</i> 提醒人的事物 |
| 3. long-term <i>adj.</i> 長期的 | 6. hygiene <i>n.</i> 衛生 | 9. tragedy <i>n.</i> 悲劇，慘劇 |

譯

DeepSeek：新崛起的人工智慧競爭者

DeepSeek (深度求索) 是一家於 2023 年創立的中國人工智慧公司。它迅速開發出先進的人工智慧模型，如 DeepSeek-V3 和 DeepSeek-R1。這些模型的效能與 OpenAI 的 GPT-4 和 GPT-4.5 相當，但訓練和運作的成本更低。許多專家將 DeepSeek 視為人工智慧產業中強而有力的競爭者。

DeepSeek 受到全球關注，但有些人擔心資訊安全。臺灣政府警告公務機關和關鍵系統不應使用 DeepSeek 的產品。他們認為該公司的人工智慧可能會將資訊傳送至境外，進而引發資安漏洞。一些企業與專家也有相同顧慮，尤其是當涉及敏感資訊時。因此，一些機構偏好使用自己國內公司的人工智慧模型。

DeepSeek 也將它的一些人工智慧模型開源，這意味著任何人都可以免費使用或改進這些模型。有些人認為這使得人工智慧更易於新創公司採用，有助於更多人進入人工智慧產業。然而，也有些人擔心開源人工智慧可能被濫用。如果有害團體取得強大的人工智慧模型，他們可能會利用這些模型傳播虛假訊息或創建危險內容。

DeepSeek 的快速成長顯示了人工智慧技術的進步有多快。許多企業、研究人員和開發者對其成果感興趣。然而，一些政府和組織仍在評估是否應該使用 DeepSeek 的人工智慧。他們希望確保它是安全的並且不會危及他們的資訊。

簡而言之，DeepSeek 正在改變人工智慧產業。它提供新的機會，但也引發了人們對安全、倫理道德和全球競爭的擔憂。

譯

明星猝逝警示流感危機

知名女星徐熙媛 (大 S) 在農曆春節期間於日本突然離世，享年 48 歲。據報導，她罹患流感，導致嚴重的肺部問題。她的驟世震驚許多人，也提醒了我們流感很可能非常危險。

流感是一種常見且容易傳播的疾病。它會導致發燒、咳嗽、喉嚨痛和肌肉疼痛。大多數人能自行康復，但某些族群面臨較高的重症風險。這些族群包括老年人、幼兒、孕婦以及有長期健康問題的人。在某些情況下，流感可能引發危及生命的病症。因此採取預防措施很重要。

接種流感疫苗是確保安全的最佳方法。健康專家建議在 9 月或 10 月接種疫苗，但即使在流感季節後期，接種疫苗仍有助益。即使在 1 月或更晚，接種疫苗也可降低重症的風險。除了接種疫苗，良好的衛生習慣也能有所幫助。經常洗手並避免觸摸臉部可以減少生病的機會。同時，在咳嗽或打噴嚏的時候摀住嘴巴，也能有效防止流感的傳播。

徐熙媛的突然過世令人哀傷地提醒了我們，流感不容輕忽。我們應該認真看待流感預防，保護自己 and 他人。藉由小心謹慎並接種疫苗，我們可以降低感染風險，避免類似的悲劇發生。

閱讀測驗解答：1. D 2. B 3. D 4. A

綜合測驗解答：1. A 2. C 3. B 4. D 5. D

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