

"Dear Grandma"

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Haley had been meaning to write a letter to her grandmother for her upcoming 80th birthday, but she was struggling to find the right words. Her grandmother's health had been declining recently, and Haley felt it was important to express just how much her grandmother's unwavering support had meant to her over the years. Yet, despite her best efforts, the words simply wouldn't come.

As she sat at her desk, frustrated by her inability to translate her feelings onto paper, Haley remembered a commercial she had seen on the television recently. In it, a father had used Google's Gemini AI tool to help his daughter write a fan letter to her favorite athlete. The AI tool had taken the daughter's scattered thoughts and turned them into a polished, heartfelt message. Intrigued, Haley decided to give the tool a try.

She opened Gemini on her laptop and with a mix of hesitation and curiosity, typed a few sentences about the memories she shared with her grandmother—how her grandmother had always been there, offering unconditional love and support. Within moments, the AI generated a beautifully written letter, thoughtful and eloquent, capturing everything Haley wanted to say. Yet, despite its perfection, she couldn't shake the feeling that it wasn't entirely hers.

This raised an uncomfortable question: Was using AI to write such a personal letter akin to cheating, much like how using AI to write a school essay might violate principles of academic integrity? In school, Haley had been taught that AI assistance in generating content crossed ethical boundaries, as essays were meant to reflect the student's own understanding and abilities. But did this same concern apply to a letter to her grandmother? Was it wrong to let AI articulate personal emotions, or was it simply a tool to help her express what she couldn't put into words herself?

Haley hesitated, torn between sending the polished letter generated by Gemini and writing something in her own words—even if it wasn't as eloquent. She knew that her grandmother would appreciate anything she sent, but no matter how much she tried, Haley worried that her own words might fall short. Was the letter written by Gemini still a true expression of her love and gratitude, or had she, in her desire to express her emotions perfectly, allowed the AI to speak for her in a way that might strip the letter of its authenticity?

Questions:

1. Is it ethical for Haley to use Gemini? Should Haley send the letter, and why?
2. Is there an ethical difference between the circumstance in the ad and Haley's situation?
3. In what ways could utilizing AI impact people's relationships; could it help?
4. What is the potential harm, if any, of using AI to craft messages that are meant to be

deeply personal?