

Using Google AI to generate translation of ancient Greek words

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I asked Google the difference, if any, between Google AI and Gemini. Here, for anyone interested (who didn;t already know, as I didn’t), is the reply from Google AI (I didn’t inquire further):

“Gemini is the ‘brain’ (the AI model), while Google AI Mode is a feature (an enhanced search experience) inside Google Search that uses Gemini to answer your questions. Here is how they differ:

“Gemini (accessed via Google Gemini) is a standalone AI chatbot and large language model. It is designed for deep, multi-step tasks, long conversations, and writing assistance.

“Google AI Mode is an interface built directly into the Google Search bar. Instead of just giving you a list of links, it uses Gemini in the background to browse the live web, synthesize answers, and let you ask follow-up questions. It also acts dynamically, building custom interactive layouts or calculators right in your search results.

In short: You are chatting with Gemini when you use Google AI Mode, but AI Mode is specifically tuned for fast web research and live information.”

I usually do not restrict myself to the AI mode when using Google (though I don’t always disable it with the -ai command). Then, at least, I can compare the AI response to other sources. I sometimes use Gemini on my phone for quick questions: e.g., “Who did Miguel Amaya play for before the Cubs?” 😊