Cambridge Dictionary selected ‘human’ as its Word of the Year for 2026, announced on November 18, reflecting growing global discussions about human identity and the expanding influence of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

The selection highlights concerns surrounding AI-generated content, automation, job displacement and the outsourcing of human thinking. It also brings renewed attention to qualities such as consciousness, creativity, compassion and emotional connection that distinguish human experiences.

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