

AI Annotator Mistake Prevention Checklist

Your Daily Guide to 97%+ Accuracy & Higher Pay

✓ 1.5M Global Annotators

💰 \$10-\$40/hour Potential

🎯 97%+ Accuracy Goal

🎯 How to Use This Checklist

- **Print this out** and keep it at your workspace as a daily reference
- **Check off items** before starting each annotation session
- **Review weekly** to track your progress and identify improvement areas
- **Goal:** Achieve and maintain 97%+ accuracy to unlock \$15-\$40/hour roles

🚫 Top 7 Mistakes to Avoid Daily

1 Rushing Platform Exams

- ☐ Read platform guidelines 2x before taking any exam
- ☐ Practice with sample questions when available
- ☐ Aim for 90%+ scores, not just passing
- ☐ Take screenshots of results for portfolio/LinkedIn

💡 Pro Tip:

Failing exams locks you out for 30 days. Better to spend 2 hours studying than lose a month of potential earnings (\$200-\$500).

2 Misinterpreting Task Guidelines

- ☐ Read ALL guidelines thoroughly before starting
- ☐ Highlight and note edge cases (ambiguous examples)
- ☐ Create a Notion/Excel summary for each project
- ☐ Double-check 10% of labels against guidelines

Pro Tip:

Misinterpreting guidelines can drop accuracy by 10%. Always clarify unclear instructions before submitting work.

3 Ignoring QA Feedback

- ☐ Review QA feedback within 24 hours
- ☐ Log errors in spreadsheet to spot patterns
- ☐ Study feedback to understand correct approach
- ☐ Appeal disputes with clear evidence if allowed

Pro Tip:

Top annotators use QA feedback to hit 97% accuracy, unlocking bonuses up to \$200/month.

4 Overloading with Too Many Tasks

- ☐ Start with ONE platform, work 20-40 hours/week
- ☐ Use Trello/calendar to track task deadlines
- ☐ Prioritize high-pay projects (\$15/hour+)
- ☐ Work 90-min sprints with 10-min breaks

Pro Tip:

Missing quotas can cut earnings by 15%. Better to excel at fewer tasks than fail at many.

5 Neglecting Portfolio Development

- ☐ Create 2-3 mock projects using public datasets
- ☐ Use Label Studio/CVAT to annotate samples
- ☐ Write 200-word case studies for each project
- ☐ Upload portfolio to LinkedIn Featured section

Pro Tip:

Portfolios increase job offers by 30%. Showcase 95%+ accuracy with real examples.

6 Failing to Upskill Early

- ☐ Complete free courses (Kaggle's 6-hour Python)
- ☐ Earn platform certifications (e.g., Remotasks LiDAR)
- ☐ Learn basic JSON/CSV handling for QA tasks
- ☐ Target \$15-\$40/hour evaluator roles

Pro Tip:

Non-certified annotators earn 40% less. One \$50 certification can boost pay by \$8-10/hour.

7 Under-Networking in the Industry

- ☐ Join X communities (@AIJobsNow) for job alerts
- ☐ Follow 10 industry leaders for insights
- ☐ Engage in Reddit (r/datascience) discussions
- ☐ Comment on LinkedIn AI posts to build visibility

Pro Tip:

Networked annotators access 25% more high-pay opportunities. One connection can lead to \$25-40/hour roles.



Daily Workflow Checklist

Before Starting Work

- ☐ Review project guidelines
- ☐ Set accuracy goal (95%+)
- ☐ Prepare tracking spreadsheet
- ☐ Plan work sessions (90-min blocks)

During Work Sessions

- ☐ Double-check edge cases
- ☐ Take 10-min breaks every 90 mins
- ☐ Log any unclear instructions
- ☐ Track accuracy per batch



Essential Tools & Resources

Annotation Practice Tools

- Label Studio (free)
- MakeSense.ai (browser-based)
- CVAT (computer vision)
- Prodigy (community edition)

Organization & Tracking

- Notion (guidelines summary)
- Excel (accuracy tracking)
- Trello (deadline management)
- Pomodoro timers

Learning Resources

- Kaggle "Intro to ML" (6 hours)
- Coursera "AI for Everyone" (free audit)
- Platform certification courses
- YouTube AI training tutorials

Networking Communities

- X: @AIJobsNow
- Reddit: r/datascience
- LinkedIn AI groups
- Discord AI communities



Weekly Accuracy Tracker

Date	Platform	Task Type	Accuracy %	Earnings	Notes/Feedback
___/___	_____	_____	___%	\$___	_____
___/___	_____	_____	___%	\$___	_____
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Goal: Maintain 97%+ accuracy for access to \$15-\$40/hour roles and bonuses

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"Success in AI training isn't just about accuracy—it's about avoiding the mistakes that trip up 80% of new annotators."