Psi Encyclopedia glossary — conversation transcript

From the SPR glossary survey to the CreativeMinds import file

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1. Initial request and survey — 14 October 2026

USER

Here is a link to the SPR glossary. We're going to do one for the PE. Please go through the PE articles and make a list of terms of similar obscurity found in them that we should therefore include in ours. SPR glossary

CHATGPT — progress message

I'll use the SPR glossary to set the threshold for obscurity, then survey the Psi Encyclopedia for technical, historical and specialist terms that a general reader might need explained. I'll separate strong candidates from more marginal ones and, where possible, identify PE articles in which they appear. I'll also keep track of how much of the Encyclopedia I've actually checked.

CHATGPT — survey response

Psi Encyclopedia glossary: candidate terms

Editorial survey | 14 October 2026

The SPR glossary is a useful model, but I would make the PE glossary somewhat more ambitious. The SPR list explains specialist vocabulary such as *percipient*, *cryptomnesia*, *ganzfeld* and *cross-correspondence*, alongside more familiar terms such as *hypnosis* and *telepathy*.

The PE covers a considerably wider range of research, history and theory. Its glossary should therefore include not only traditional psychical-research vocabulary but also terms from reincarnation studies, consciousness research, experimental methodology, psychology, philosophy and religious traditions.

My suggested inclusion rule: A term belongs in the glossary if an intelligent general reader without specialist knowledge might reasonably encounter it in a PE article and need

to look it up. We should not exclude a term merely because it is also used in mainstream science or philosophy.

I'll distinguish three things: essential terms already in the SPR glossary, additional PE-specific terms, and lower-priority candidates requiring editorial judgement. This is a source-based working inventory, rather than a claim that every one of the PE's 750-plus articles has undergone a complete word-by-word audit.

1. The strongest new candidates

These are terms I found in PE articles that are particularly worth adding. An asterisk means that the SPR glossary already has the term or its principal equivalent.

Reincarnation research

Term	What the glossary should explain
Announcing dream	A dream interpreted as announcing an impending reincarnation
Behavioural memory	Behaviour interpreted as carrying over from a previous life
Cases of the reincarnation type (CORT)	The research designation for cases suggestive of reincarnation
Intermission memory	Claimed recollection of the interval between death and rebirth
Maternal impression	Historical hypothesis that a pregnant woman's mental imagery can affect fetal development
Metempsychosis	Classical term for transmigration or reincarnation
Metensomatosis	Ancient term referring to a change of body
Palingenesis	Rebirth or regeneration; used in several historical philosophical senses
Parakaya pravesh	Indian concept of a spirit or consciousness entering another body
Past-life memory	A reported recollection attributed to a previous incarnation
Pre-verification record	Documentation of a claimed memory before attempts to establish its accuracy
Previous personality	The deceased individual with whom a reincarnation subject is identified
Replacement reincarnation	A proposed change of incarnating personality after a body's birth
Responsive xenoglossy	Apparent ability to converse in a language not normally learned

Term	What the glossary should explain
Solved/unsolved reincarnation case	Whether researchers have identified a deceased person matching the child's claims
Tulku	A person recognised in Tibetan Buddhism as the rebirth of an earlier religious teacher
Walk-in	Spiritualist/New Age concept of one personality entering a living person's body

These come particularly from Reincarnation: An Introduction, Cases with Records Made Before Verifications, Replacement Reincarnation and Reincarnation of Tibetan Lamas in the West.

This is one area where the PE glossary can offer considerably more than the SPR's.

Experimental parapsychology and statistics

Term	What the glossary should explain
Autoganzfeld	Ganzfeld testing with automated elements of target selection and experimental procedure
Blind judging	Evaluating responses without knowing the correct targets
Effect size	A measure of the magnitude of an observed effect
Fail-safe N	Estimate of the number of additional null studies needed to overturn a meta-analytic conclusion
File-drawer problem	Distortion caused by unpublished or unreported research
Forced-choice test*	An experiment requiring selection among fixed alternatives
Free-response test*	A test permitting unrestricted descriptions or impressions
Heterogeneity	Variation among the results of studies being combined
Mentation	A participant's reported thoughts and imagery during an experiment
Meta-analysis	Statistical combination of findings from multiple studies
Placement effect*	A reported PK influence on where falling objects land
Preregistration	Publicly specifying research plans before analysing results
Publication bias	Systematic distortion resulting from some

Term	What the glossary should explain
	findings being more likely to be published
Sensory leakage	Ordinary information reaching a participant despite attempts to prevent it
Stacking effect*	A scoring artefact arising from patterns in target or response sequences
Stouffer's Z	A method of combining statistical results
Z-score	A standardised measure of deviation from an expected value

Source articles include Meta-Analysis in Parapsychology, Ganzfeld ESP and Psychokinesis Research.

These belong in a public glossary even though several are standard scientific terminology. A reader should not need statistical training to understand the PE's explanations of experimental results.

CHATGPT — progress message

A particularly useful pattern is emerging: the largest gaps are in reincarnation terminology, modern research methods, and the historical vocabulary of physical mediumship. The latter includes terms such as *ideoplasty*, *teleplasm* and *ectenic force*, which occur in PE material but are absent from the SPR list. I'm organising the findings into an editorial inventory, with brief explanations and source articles, so it can serve as more than a bare word list.

CHATGPT — survey response, continued

Mediumship, apparitions and survival research

Term	What the glossary should explain
Anomalous information reception (AIR)	Neutral research term for apparently obtaining information through unrecognised means
Automatist	A person producing automatic writing or other apparently involuntary communications
Collective apparition	An apparition reportedly perceived by more than one witness
Control personality	A personality said to direct a medium's communications
Drop-in communicator*	An ostensibly deceased communicator who appears unexpectedly at a sitting
Living-agent psi	An alternative explanation attributing survival-like evidence to psychic abilities of

Term	What the glossary should explain
	living persons
Psychomanteum	A mirror-gazing setting intended to facilitate experiences of contact with the deceased
Reciprocal apparition	An apparition experience associated with a corresponding experience by the person perceived
Sitter	A person attending a mediumistic sitting
Super-psi hypothesis*	The proposal that exceptionally extensive psi could account for apparent evidence of survival

Also worth including are *cold reading*, *hot reading*, *warm reading*, *fishing*, *Barnum statement*, *intrusion hypothesis* and *mental versus physical mediumship*.

Relevant articles include Modern Mental Mediumship Research, Reciprocal Apparitions and Cold Reading.

Historical physical mediumship and psychokinesis

This category has some especially obscure vocabulary.

Term	What the glossary should explain
Ectenic force	A nineteenth-century hypothetical force allegedly extending from the human body
Ectoplasm*	Substance supposedly emitted by physical mediums
Ideodynamism	Historical concept concerning the translation of mental ideas into action
Ideoplasty	The supposed shaping of physical forms through mental imagery
Ideomotor response	Involuntary muscular movement influenced by thought or expectation
Odic force	Historical hypothesis of a subtle force associated with living organisms
Psychic rods	Hypothetical extensions said to transmit physical force from mediums
Psychode	Historical term for a proposed intermediary between mind and matter
Teleplasm	Term associated with purported ectoplasmic manifestations

These aren't necessarily concepts that modern researchers accept. Their value to the glossary is that readers encountering historical investigations need to know **what the researchers meant by them**.

I found examples in the PE articles on Gustave Geley, Human Radiations, The Goligher Circle and Dowsing.

Additional modern terms include *macro-PK*, *micro-PK*, *non-volitional PK*, *retro-PK*, *remote staring*, *random event generator* and *correlational matrix experiment*.

Near-death experiences, dreams and consciousness

Term	What the glossary should explain
Autoscopy	Experiencing a visual image or double of one's own body
Greyson NDE Scale	A research instrument for characterising near-death experiences
Hypnagogic*	Experiences occurring during the transition into sleep
Hypnopompic*	Experiences occurring during awakening
Kanashibari	Japanese term associated with sleep paralysis
Life review	Apparent reliving of autobiographical events, sometimes reported in NDEs
Old Hag experience	A culturally familiar form of frightening sleep-paralysis experience
Paradoxical lucidity	Unexpected clear cognition despite severe cognitive impairment
Terminal lucidity	Unexpected return of mental clarity shortly before death
Temporoparietal junction	Brain region discussed in neurological explanations of out-of-body experiences
Vestibular disturbance	Alteration in the sense of balance or bodily movement
Veridical perception	A perception or recollection corresponding to independently checkable facts

The distinction between *terminal lucidity* and *paradoxical lucidity* is particularly useful: the second is not necessarily associated with impending death.

Philosophy, anthropology and scientific interpretation

Term	What the glossary should explain
Anomalistics	Interdisciplinary study of phenomena regarded as anomalous

Term	What the glossary should explain
Boundary-work	Activities through which scientific legitimacy and boundaries are established
Demarcation problem	The philosophical problem of distinguishing science from non-science
Emic/etic	Insider and outsider perspectives in anthropological analysis
Forteana	The study or collection of unusual phenomena associated with Charles Fort
Materialism / physicalism	Philosophical positions treating reality as fundamentally physical
Ontology	The study of what exists and the nature of reality
Phenomenology	Investigation or description of subjective experience
Reductionism	Explaining complex phenomena in terms of simpler underlying processes
State-specific science	An approach emphasising systematic study of altered states from within those states
Transmission/filter theory of mind	The view that the brain mediates or restricts consciousness rather than wholly producing it
Transpersonal anthropology	Anthropological study of experiences extending beyond ordinary conceptions of self

These are especially relevant to the PE's articles on Anomalistics and Anthropology and Psi Research.

2. Terms from the SPR glossary that the PE should retain

We should certainly not discard existing useful definitions simply because the SPR has them. Among the important carryovers are *agent*, *apparition*, *apport*, *automatism*, *book test*, *cross-correspondence*, *cryptomnesia*, *decline effect*, *discarnate entity*, *experimenter effect*, *ganzfeld*, *instrumental transcommunication*, *percipient*, *psi-missing*, *psychometry*, *recurrent spontaneous psychokinesis*, *sheep-goat effect* and *xenoglossy*.

I would write independent PE definitions, however, rather than automatically reproduce the SPR's wording.

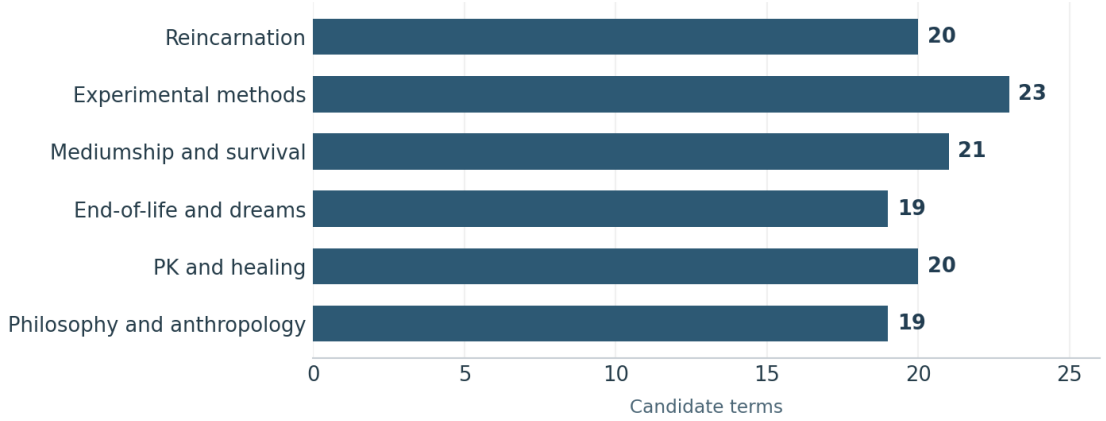
3. The working document

Download the PE glossary candidate inventory (Word):
`PE_Glossary_Candidate_Terms_Oct_2026.docx`

122 candidate entries · 6 subject categories · 6 pages

The document supplies a brief working explanation and a clickable example PE article for each term. It also contains a separate list of important SPR glossary terms to retain or review.

The 122 entries are distributed as follows:



Candidate glossary entries by subject (chart reproduced from original survey)

4. Editorial considerations

I would recommend four principles as we build the PE glossary.

First, **being the subject of an article is not grounds for exclusion**. A reader who encounters *psychomanteum* in another article should be able to get a one-sentence definition without reading a separate article.

Second, use cross-references for abbreviations and synonyms: *CORT*, *PK*, *REG*, *RNG*, *ectoplasm/teleplasm*, and so on.

Third, distinguish observed phenomena, interpretations and obsolete theories. The definition of *ideoplasty*, for instance, must not inadvertently assert that ideoplasty actually occurs.

Fourth, I would keep quite a few terms from mainstream psychology and statistics. *Preregistration*, *publication bias* and *effect size* are not parapsychological jargon, but they matter to readers evaluating claims made in the PE.

One limitation to flag: This is a substantial first-pass inventory based on the SPR glossary, the PE's article index and a cross-disciplinary sample of articles—not yet an exhaustive audit of every PE article. A complete second pass should search the full article text for additional low-frequency specialist vocabulary and eliminate duplicates.

My initial assessment is that **the reincarnation and historical physical-mediumship terminology offers the greatest opportunity for additions beyond the SPR glossary**, while methodology and philosophy will contribute terms valuable to a broader audience.

2. First combined Word survey — 14 October 2026

USER

Need this all in a docx please, diagram & all

CHATGPT — progress message

I'll combine the full discussion with the 122-entry inventory in one Word file, and embed the category chart as an actual image so it appears in Word and in print.

CHATGPT

All in one Word document, including the full discussion, glossary recommendations, **122 candidate terms**, source-article links, and the embedded chart.

Download the complete PE Glossary Survey (DOCX):
`PE_Glossary_Full_Survey_With_Chart_2026-10-14.docx`

It's 11 pages, formatted for reading, editing and sharing with Jim.

3. Locating the Thalbourne glossary — 24 October 2026

USER

Do you still have access to the survey you sent me last turn? Jim wants the following done with it:

> Put its Part II in a single alphabetical Part III and in doing that include the headings it has identified from the SPR Glossary in the Appendix. It should be able to find definitions of all those terms in PE entries, so it can supply definitions and give article sources for them too. When I have comprehensive Part III, I can begin my work on it. You can ask the AI if it can find the Thalbourne glossary somewhere and add terms from it too.

I think you should do this backwards i.e. starting with looking for the Thalbourne glossary. That would be a glossary created by Michael Thalbourne (PE article). Just do that for this turn.

CHATGPT — progress message

Yes—I'll check the survey file first. For this turn I'll do only the Thalbourne search: identify the glossary, look for an accessible copy or text, and establish whether we can use it to expand Jim's alphabetical list. I won't reorganise the survey yet.

CHATGPT

Yes, I still have access to the complete **11-page PE Glossary Survey**, including its 122 candidate terms, appendix and diagram. We can use that as the basis for Jim's revisions.

And I've found Thalbourne's glossary!

Michael Thalbourne's glossary

A Glossary of Terms Used in Parapsychology

Michael A. Thalbourne

- First edition: 1982, Heinemann, published for the SPR.
- Revised second edition: 2003, Puente Publications.
- ISBN: 9780963450111.

The revised edition is described as containing hundreds of terms, covering phenomena, methodology, theories, etymologies and references.

What I've found online

The most immediately useful discovery is the Parapsychology Foundation's Basic Terms glossary. It explicitly states that its entries are drawn from Thalbourne's 2003 glossary.

It's an extensive, alphabetically arranged online selection, with definitions and some etymologies. This gives us an authentic source of Thalbourne terminology to compare against the PE survey.

I've also found the IGPP's parapsychological glossary, which acknowledges adapting many definitions from Thalbourne's 1982 edition. It identifies the original English terms alongside its translated entries.

Another particularly useful source

The *Journal of Parapsychology* published a three-page glossary explicitly adapted from Thalbourne.

Read the glossary PDF.

It includes some promising additions that were missing from, or not individually identified in, my original survey:

- Allobiofeedback
- Chair test
- Closed deck / open deck
- Confidence call
- Critical ratio of difference
- Differential effect
- Displacement (forward and backward)
- Majority-vote technique
- Mean chance expectation
- Process-oriented / proof-oriented research

Have I found the complete book?

Not yet as freely accessible full text. I found a University of Adelaide digital-library record for the 2003 edition, but haven't verified a downloadable book there. The SPR library catalogue also lists the 1982 edition.

Nevertheless, the Parapsychology Foundation and IGPP sources give us substantial Thalbourne-derived material to work from.

Conclusion: Jim's suggestion is well worth pursuing. Thalbourne is an important source for expanding the glossary, particularly its technical experimental vocabulary. I'd use his terminology as a candidate list, check the terms against PE articles, and produce independent PE definitions with article citations, just as Jim requests.

I've left the survey unchanged for now, as instructed.

4. Expanded alphabetical survey — 24 October 2026

USER

Okay, I'm going to ask you to 1) expand the survey to add terms from these new sources; 2) add a column giving the source(s) for each term; 3) leave out Part II, just make it into one big alphabetically-ordered list. Make sense? Any questions?

CHATGPT — progress message

Makes sense, and no questions. I'll treat the existing survey as the base, add terms supported by the Thalbourne-derived glossaries and the SPR glossary, then make one alphabetically ordered table with a **Sources** column for each term. I'll preserve the diagram and introductory editorial guidance, but remove the separate subject-grouped Part II.

CHATGPT — progress message

I've checked the three Thalbourne-derived sources against the SPR list. There's considerable overlap, so I'm consolidating synonyms rather than inflating the count with duplicate headings. The new material includes useful experimental vocabulary—*confidence call*, *differential effect*, *majority-vote technique*, *position effect*—and terms such as *transliminality* and *psychopraxia*. I'm also distinguishing a linked PE article from a term actually verified in that article, so the sources column won't imply more checking than I've done.

CHATGPT

Done! I've expanded and reorganised the survey into a single alphabetical glossary.

Download the expanded PE Glossary Survey (DOCX):
`PE_Glossary_Consolidated_Alphabetical_2026-10-24.docx`

Total candidate terms: 294
Additions: 172
Document: 14 pages

The document contains one alphabetical table with three columns: **Term**, **Working definition**, and **Sources**. It incorporates the original 122 entries, the SPR appendix terms, and additional vocabulary from the Thalbourne-derived glossaries. Duplicate headings have been consolidated.

I've retained and updated the diagram, included clickable source links, and eliminated the separate Part II and appendix.

One qualification for Jim: the PE article links provide relevant sources, but I haven't yet verified that every exact term occurs in its linked article. The definitions are editorial drafts, not final publication copy. The freely accessible Thalbourne-derived glossaries were used rather than the complete book.

This should give Jim the comprehensive working list he requested, ready for his editorial pass.

5. Sharing the survey with Jim — 24 October 2026

USER

Wow – that's awesome. Passing it on to Jim.

CHATGPT

Excellent! 😁

I'm rather looking forward to Jim's reaction. We've gone from a modest glossary proposal to **294 candidate terms with definitions and sources**.

And when he comes back with corrections, additions or editorial instructions, we'll have a solid foundation to work from.

One more PE editorial beast substantially tamed!

6. Understanding Jim's heading/footnote request — 24 October 2026

USER

Jim likes it. He has asked this, which I don't understand. If you don't understand it either, let me know.

> "Go over the Glossary and put the col. 1 heads as L2 links and the col. 3 links as [fn]. That I think is going to be the best format for the page and I will need the

heads as L2 links to out them in a scrollable column. Chat can reform the Glossary in paragraph format rather than columnar format."

CHATGPT

I think I understand what Jim wants! There's just **one small ambiguity**, which I'll explain.

He's asking us to convert the glossary from a three-column table into ordinary webpage text, with special formatting that will allow him to create navigation links and footnotes.

Here's my interpretation:

1. **Column 1 (terms):** Turn each term into a Level 2 heading (H2), with an internal link (anchor). This will let Jim put all 294 terms into a scrollable alphabetical navigation column. Clicking a term would jump to its definition.
2. **Column 2 (definitions):** Put each definition in normal paragraph text immediately below its heading.
3. **Column 3 (sources):** Move the source links into the definitions as PE-style footnotes, enclosed in `[fn]...[/fn]` tags, as we've done with article endnotes previously.
4. **Remove the table entirely.** The glossary becomes one long alphabetical sequence of headings, definitions and footnotes.

Here's what an entry might look like

Cryptomnesia

Unconscious recall of previously acquired information that is mistakenly experienced as new or independently obtained.

`[fn]Source: [Psi Encyclopedia article title and hyperlink].[/fn]`

The heading would have a linkable anchor such as `#cryptomnesia`, allowing Jim to create a navigation entry that jumps straight to it.

The one thing I'd like clarified

Jim says **"L2 links"**, rather than "H2 headings".

I strongly suspect he means *Level 2 headings with internal anchor links*. But "L2" might be terminology specific to the PE's website software.

Otherwise, his instructions are clear.

My suggestion: Ask Jim just one question: "By L2 links, do you mean H2 headings with internal anchors, so the terms can be used in a clickable navigation column?"

Once that's settled, I can reformat the entire 294-entry glossary without changing the actual definitions or sources.

7. Reformatted glossary with headings and footnotes — 24 October 2026

USER

Settled. Go ahead.

CHATGPT — progress message

I'll convert the 294-entry glossary into a Word document with Level 2 headings and internal anchors, definitions as paragraphs, and source links inside `[fn]...[/fn]` tags. I'll preserve the alphabetical order and wording, then check the finished file for missing entries and broken formatting.

CHATGPT — progress message

The conversion is complete: all 294 terms are now Heading 2 entries with unique internal bookmarks, and all 600 source hyperlinks are retained inside `[fn]...[/fn]` tags. The table is gone. I've also kept the old chart and source-method notes in a clearly marked editorial appendix, separate from the webpage text. I'm checking the rendered Word pages now.

CHATGPT

Done! Jim's requested reformatting is complete.

Download the reformatted PE Glossary (DOCX):
`PE_Glossary_H2_Anchors_Footnote_Tags_2026-10-24.docx`

The 26-page document contains:

- **294 terms**, alphabetically ordered, each formatted as a Level 2 (H2) heading with its own internal bookmark.
- Definitions in ordinary paragraphs, with no tables.
- **600 source hyperlinks**, preserved and enclosed in `[fn]...[/fn]` tags.
- The original coverage diagram and editorial notes, retained in a clearly marked appendix separate from the publication text.

I've preserved the definitions and sources and checked the finished Word document for completeness and formatting.

Jim can also view the heading structure using **Word's Navigation Pane**, which should help with constructing his scrollable alphabetical column.

Ready for the next stage of PE glossary wrangling!

8. First CSV for website import — 2 November 2026

USER

Next stage of PE glossary wrangling: change the main table to CSV format for import onto the PE site. Jim adds: The term heading should in one field, the definition in a second field and the sources in a third field. Rather than "Sources:" though the last segment can be preceded by "For more, see:"

CHATGPT — progress message

I'll export the glossary into a three-column CSV—**Term**, **Definition**, and **Sources**—with "For more, see:" introducing the links in the third field. I'll preserve the hyperlinks and `[fn]` formatting, then check the number of entries against the Word version.

CHATGPT

Another PE glossary beast tamed! 😁

Download the PE Glossary CSV for website import:
`PE_Glossary_Import_294_Terms_2026-11-02.csv`

The file contains all **294 terms**, alphabetically ordered, in exactly three fields:

Field	Contents
1. Term	Glossary heading
2. Definition	Complete definition
3. Sources	Begins with "For more, see:" followed by linked sources

I've preserved all **600 source hyperlinks**, along with the PE's `[fn]...[/fn]` footnote tags. Links are encoded as HTML so they can remain clickable after import, provided the site's importer accepts HTML.

I've also expanded source abbreviations into readable labels, without changing the definitions.

Quality checks passed: 294 entries, three fields per entry, no missing definitions or sources, and all hyperlinks accounted for.

One technical note for Jim: CSV cannot retain Word's H2 heading formatting or bookmarks. The headings are stored in the first field, ready for the PE site's import process to format.

Ready to send to Jim!

9. Clarification: CSV versus Excel — 5 November 2026

USER

So Jim doesn't want an Excel file, he wants a csv file. Is there such a thing?

CHATGPT

Yes! 😁 And **that's exactly what I sent you!**

A **CSV file** (Comma-Separated Values) is a plain-text file that stores information in rows and columns, with commas separating the fields.

The confusion is probably because **Excel automatically opens CSV files**, making them look like Excel spreadsheets. But they're not the same thing.

- **Excel file:** `.xlsx`
- **CSV file:** `.csv`

I've verified that the file I sent you is a genuine UTF-8 CSV file, containing the three fields Jim requested.

Download the PE Glossary CSV file: `PE_Glossary_Import_294_Terms_2026-11-02.csv`

You can send that file directly to Jim. He doesn't need to convert anything.

One tip: If you open it in Excel, don't save it as an Excel workbook. Just send him the original downloaded `.csv` file.

So you're already good to go!

10. Four-column quoted CSV — 5 November 2026

USER

Okay but from what I can make out he wants some changes, so, a do-over. Content should in quotes, separated by commas: "Term", "Definition" etc. Also, for this import, the first field in the file is supposed to be an ID number. Since we will be adding items, I don't think we need that – but the csv file does. The example I have shows that it should look like this: "","Term","Definition","Source". Each item should be in its own row. If it's easier, you can start with "ID", then "Term","Definition","Source" / next line for new item.

Can you understand that?

CHATGPT — progress message

Yes. Jim needs a four-column CSV, with **ID** first, followed by **Term**, **Definition**, and **Source**. Every field should be enclosed in double quotation marks, every item should occupy its own row, and the ID cells can remain empty for new entries.

I'll remake the file in exactly that structure and check it before handing it over.

CHATGPT

Yes, perfectly! And I've done the conversion. 😁

Download the corrected PE Glossary CSV:
`PE_Glossary_Import_294_Terms_4_Columns_2026-11-05.csv`

The file now has exactly **four fields**, with every field enclosed in double quotation marks:

```
"ID","Term","Definition","Source"
"","Agent","A person designated as the source of information in a telepathy
experiment, or sometimes the person attempting a PK effect.","[fn]For more,
see: ..."
```

Every subsequent term follows the same structure, occupying its own row.

I've verified that:

- All **294 glossary entries** are present.
- Every ID field is empty, ready for the website to assign an ID.
- All fields are quoted and comma-separated.
- The definitions and source hyperlinks are preserved.
- The third content field is labelled **Source**, as Jim specified.

It's a genuine UTF-8 `.csv` file, not an Excel workbook.

This version should match Jim's import specification.

11. Opening the CSV as plain text — 5 November 2026

USER

What else can he open it with that will show him it's not an Excel file? Notepad maybe?

CHATGPT

Yes! Notepad is exactly what Jim should use. 😄

A CSV file is actually a plain-text file, so opening it in Notepad will show its true structure, without Excel making it look like a spreadsheet.

On Windows 11:

1. Right-click the downloaded `.csv` file.
2. Select **Open with**.
3. Choose **Notepad**. (If it isn't listed, choose *Choose another app*.)

He'll see something like this:

```
"ID","Term","Definition","Source"
"","Agent","A person designated as the source of information in a telepathy
experiment.","[fn]For more, see: ...[/fn]"
"","Apparition","A visual experience of a person or figure not physically
present.","[fn]For more, see: ...[/fn]"
```

The real definitions and sources will be longer, of course.

Other options: Notepad++, VS Code, or any plain-text editor will also work.

One important point: **Excel opening a CSV does not make it an Excel file.** Windows simply associates `.csv` files with Excel by default.

And Jim can inspect it in Notepad without changing anything. That's probably the easiest way to reassure him that the file is correctly formatted for import.

12. CreativeMinds documentation and the final import format — 6 November 2026

USER

Sending you Jim's thoughts without attempting to decipher them myself. He has to pay me to do that.

See this for guidance. Maybe it would help to give this to Chat for training first? The hyperlinks in the [fn] part came through fine, but I don't know which field that was interpreted as being. It is very odd that we have the term imported and the [fn] but no definition.

CreativeMinds: CMTG Extras — Importing and Exporting Terms

creativeminds.helpscoutdocs.com

Jim

Ah, maybe this explains it: "Obligatory Information - The terms must have data, at least, in the columns"Title" and "Description". If any of these is empty, that line will be skipped." So the description did not go in the right place. The required format is: Id Title Excerpt Description We don't have Excerpts, so maybe the csv should be "","Title","","Description" with the [fn] section included as part of the description. Let's try having the csv file redone that way and with the [fn] part included in the Description but without the [fn]. In other words, include the source info in the term definition/

Jim

Here's how it looks on the page now: Zener cards By James G Matlock / 6 November 2026 1 Endnotes 1 For more, see: Psi Encyclopedia: Experimental Parapsychology · SPR glossary · Parapsychology Foundation glossary ↩ I think it will look much better without those Endnotes. With such short definitions, let's just run them into the definition.

Jim

I think that's it. I just opened the file in WordPad. The header row is:

```
"ID","Term","Definition","Source"
```

It needs to be `"ID","Term","Excerpt","Definition"` in the header. For the rows, `"","Term","","Definition"` – and the Definition field can include the sources we now have as [fn]. Let's try that.

CHATGPT — progress message

Jim's diagnosis makes sense: the importer expects different column names and ordering, so the definitions may have landed in the wrong place. I'll check the CreativeMinds instructions, then rebuild the CSV with an empty Excerpt field and the sources appended directly to each definition—no `[fn]` tags or endnotes. I'll also validate the finished file against the required four-column structure.

USER

That's not his diagnosis, it's in that source

CHATGPT — correction

You're right! I misattributed the diagnosis to Jim. **The CreativeMinds documentation itself specifies the required field order** and states that entries without both a Title and Description will be skipped.

That confirms why we need to correct the import file. Jim is interpreting the documentation correctly, and his proposed solution—putting the sources directly after each definition, without footnotes—makes sense.

CHATGPT — completed export

I've now rebuilt the CSV to Jim's specifications.

Download the corrected PE Glossary CSV — 6 November 2026:
`PE_Glossary_Import_CM_Tooltip_2026-11-06.csv`

The structure is:

```
"ID","Term","Excerpt","Definition"
"","Agent","","A person ... For more, see: <a href=""..."">...</a>"
```

Each entry has an empty ID and Excerpt field. The Definition field contains both the definition and its source links, introduced by **For more, see:**, without `[fn]` tags.

I've verified that all **294 terms and 600 hyperlinks** are preserved, with no missing definitions.

One useful precaution: Jim should test a few entries before importing the entire file. The CreativeMinds documentation says existing terms may be updated or overwritten when matching titles are imported.

This version is ready for his next import test.

13. Request to archive the conversation — 8 November 2026

USER

Chat please package this whole conversation up into a docx and send

CHATGPT — progress message

I'll put the exchange into a chronological Word transcript, preserving Jim's quoted instructions, the explanations, and links to the glossary files. I'll keep it as a conversation record rather than replacing it with a summary.

CHATGPT — progress message

The transcript now includes the original survey discussion and the Thalbourne research, including the category diagram. I'm adding the later exchanges about Jim's formatting decisions and the CSV importer so the record covers the project through today.

Files referenced during the conversation

These are the separate artifacts previously supplied in the chat. They are **not** embedded in this transcript; the file names are preserved so the project record can be matched to the relevant deliverables.

1. `PE_Glossary_Candidate_Terms_Oct_2026.docx` — original candidate-term inventory.
2. `PE_Glossary_Full_Survey_With_Chart_2026-10-14.docx` — complete initial survey with chart.
3. `PE_Glossary_Consolidated_Alphabetical_2026-10-24.docx` — expanded alphabetical list of 294 terms.
4. `PE_Glossary_H2_Anchors_Footnote_Tags_2026-10-24.docx` — H2 headings and footnote-tag format.
5. `PE_Glossary_Import_294_Terms_2026-11-02.csv` — three-field import draft.
6. `PE_Glossary_Import_294_Terms_4_Columns_2026-11-05.csv` — quoted four-field draft.
7. `PE_Glossary_Import_CM_Tooltip_2026-11-06.csv` — CreativeMinds-compatible four-field draft.

End of conversation transcript.