



Prompt smarter to enhance your learning, not shortcut it.

Instead of asking: “What’s the answer to this problem?” Try:

1. To Build Understanding

- “Walk me through how to think about this problem step-by-step, but let me try to answer first.”
- “Explain this concept like you’re coaching me. Ask me questions along the way.”
- “Can you explain this concept with an example, and then ask me to create my own?”

2. To Strengthen Critical Thinking

- “Challenge my reasoning on this idea. What might I be missing or misunderstanding?”
- “Can you play devil’s advocate to my explanation and help me defend my reasoning?”
- “Compare two different ways to solve this problem - what are the pros and cons?”

3. To Practice and Apply

- “Create a real-world scenario where I would need to apply this concept.”
- “Turn this topic into a mini quiz or flashcard session. Start easy, then make it progressively harder.”
- “Can you simulate a tutor who asks me probing questions before explaining?”

4. To Develop Deeper Insights

- “How does this idea connect to something I’ve already learned about [*related topic*]?”
- “What are common misconceptions about this topic and how can I avoid them?”
- “Can you give me multiple perspectives on this [*topic*], like from a scientist, historian, and engineer?”

5. To Reflect and Learn from Mistakes

- “Here’s my reasoning [*fill in your reasoning*]. Can you point out where I might have gone wrong?”
- “Summarize what I’ve learned from this conversation in bullet points I can review.”
- “Ask me reflection questions to make sure I really understood this topic.”

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