

AI & Homework

Don't Just Let AI Give the Answer, Ask These 6 Questions Instead

From the team at Tricky Brains

Is AI helping my child learn...or just giving them the answer?

AI can give children information instantly. But learning doesn't happen when an answer appears on a screen.

Learning happens when a child **thinks about the idea, explains it, and connects it to what they already know.**

You don't need to be an AI expert to support that. You just need a few simple prompts.

Use one or two of these the next time your child uses AI for homework.

The Parent Pause Method

When AI is used for homework, try this simple routine:

- 1. Read the answer together**
- 2. Pause for a moment**
- 3. Ask one curious question**

That pause turns the moment into learning.

6 Child-Friendly Prompts to Try

How would you explain that to someone younger than you?

If children can explain something simply, they usually understand it.

What part of that makes the most sense to you?

This helps children notice what they already understand.

Confidence grows from recognising progress.

What part feels confusing?

This gives children permission to say "I'm not sure".

And that's often where the best learning begins.

Can you think of an example?

Examples help children connect ideas to real life.

When they create their own example, the concept sticks.

Does that answer match the question your teacher asked?

AI can give confident answers that miss the point.

This question builds critical thinking.

What would you say if the AI wasn't there?

This helps children reconnect with their own thinking.

Their ideas matter too.

A Gentle Reminder for Parents

You don't need to control every tool your child uses. You don't need to understand every piece of technology.

What matters most is **staying curious beside them.**

When children explain ideas in their own words, something shifts. They move from copying...to **comprehending.**

And that's where real learning happens.

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Helping children build confident, curious minds.