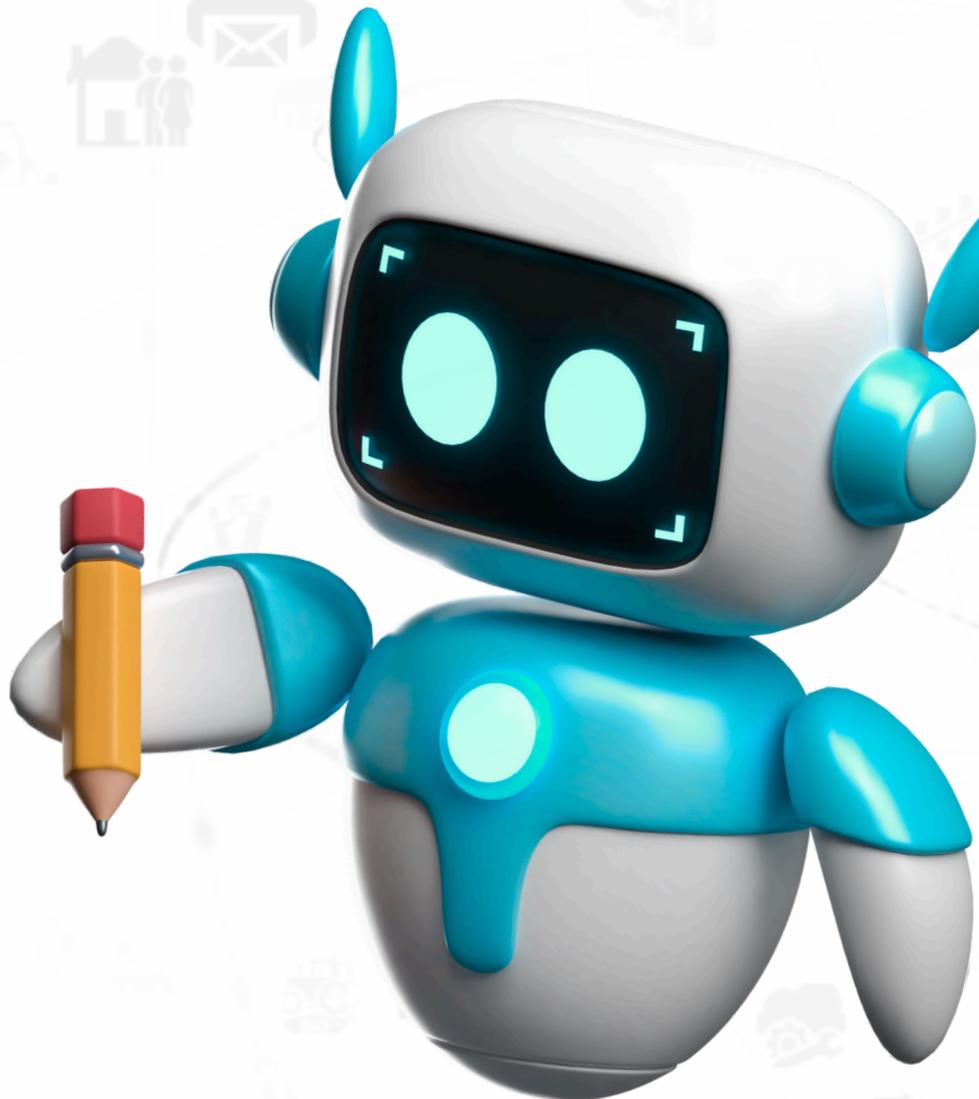


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CONVERSATIONAL STARTERS ABOUT AI



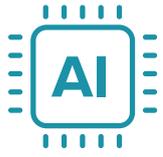
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Resources

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A young girl with curly brown hair and a young boy with short black hair are looking at a laptop screen together. The girl is on the left, wearing a blue shirt, and the boy is on the right, wearing a blue and white checkered shirt. They are both smiling and appear to be engaged in a conversation. The background is a bright window with greenery outside.

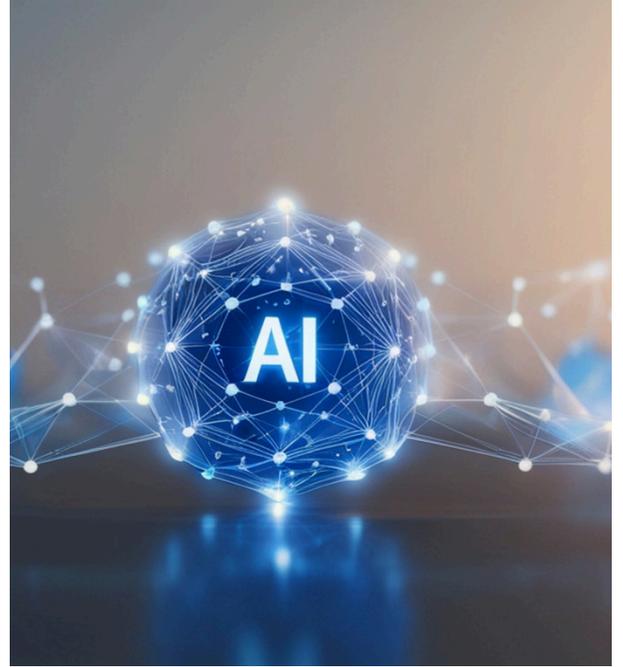
How to us these

- Pick ONE question at dinner or in the car
- Actually listen to their answers (don't immediately correct)
- Share your own thoughts too. Make it a discussion
- No judgment zone. You want them to be honest.
- Follow up with "Why do you think that?" to go deeper



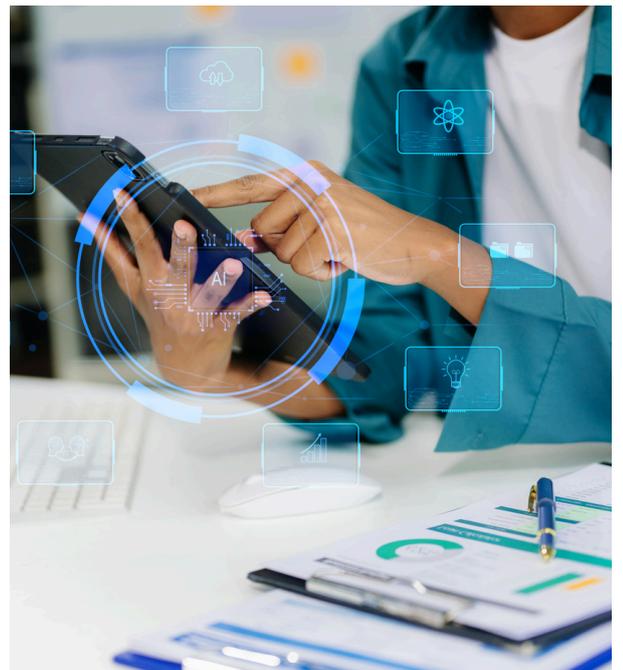
TOPIC: UNDERSTANDING AI

1. "What's the weirdest or coolest AI tool you've used this week?"
2. "How do you think TikTok/Instagram decides what to show you first?"
3. "If you could design an AI to solve one problem, what would it be?"
4. "Do you think AI will ever be smarter than humans? What makes you say that?"
5. "What's something AI can do better than people? What's something people will always do better than AI?"
6. "How do you think AI learns? Like, what does 'training' AI actually mean?"



TOPIC: AI IN THEIR LIVES

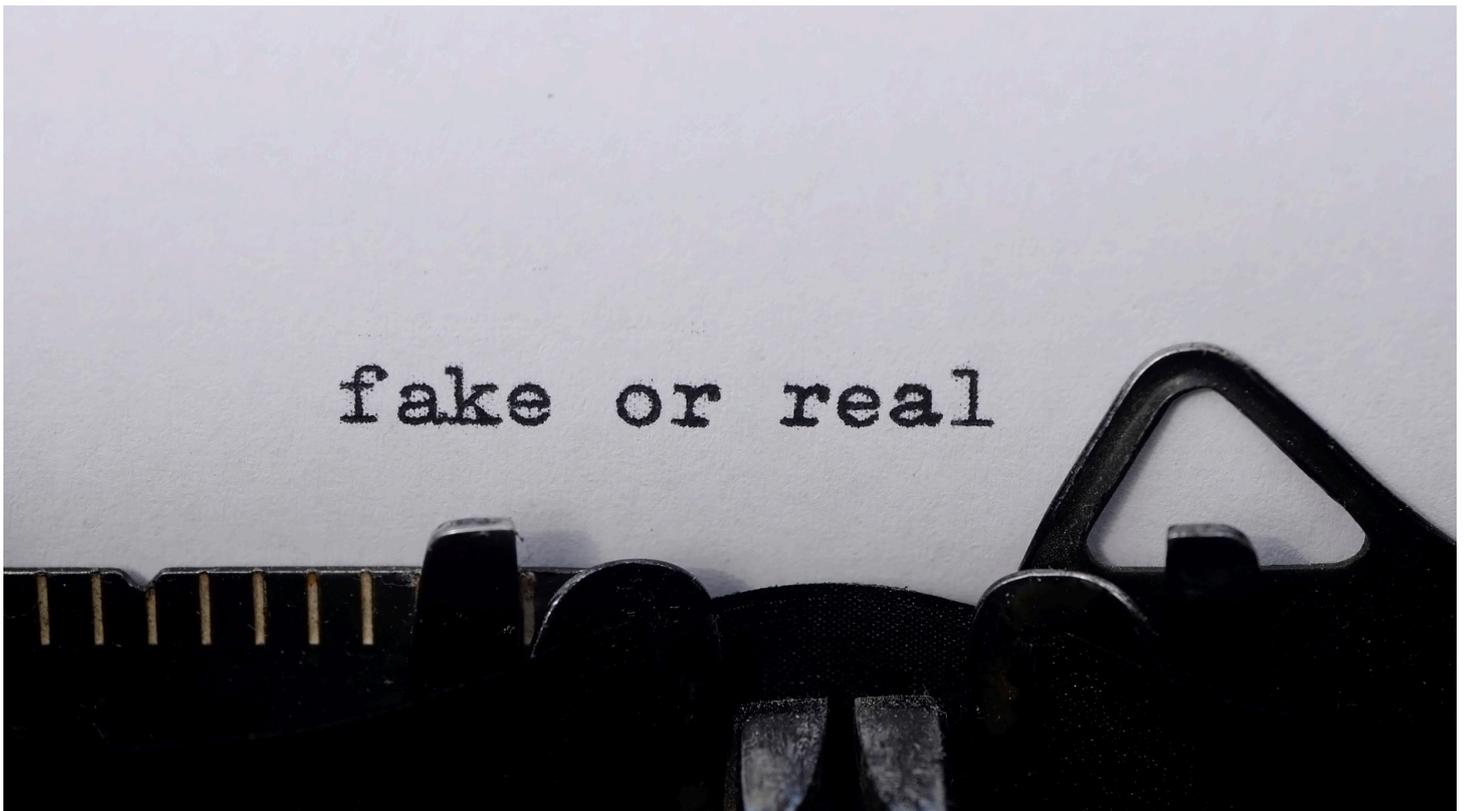
7. "Have you used ChatGPT or another AI for homework? How did you use it?"
8. "What apps do you use that you think have AI in them?"
9. "Do your teachers talk about AI? What do they say?"
10. "Have any of your friends gotten in trouble for using AI? What happened?"
11. "If I wanted to understand how AI works, what would you show me?"
12. "Do you think our family uses too much AI, not enough, or about right?"





TOPIC: TRUTH & MISINFORMATION

13. "Have you seen a video online recently that might have been fake? What made you suspicious?"
14. "If I showed you a video of a celebrity saying something shocking, how would you figure out if it's real?"
15. "Have you ever believed something online that turned out to be false? What was it?"
16. "Do you think most of what you see online is real or edited in some way?"
17. "Has a friend ever sent you something that looked real but wasn't? What did you do?"
18. "Who do you trust more for accurate information: social media, news websites, or teachers? Why?"



Pro Tip: Save their answers! Revisit them in 6 months and see how their thinking evolves as they learn more.



TOPIC: PRIVACY & SAFETY

19. "If I asked to look through your phone right now, would you be comfortable with that?"

Why or why not?"

20. "What information about yourself do you think is okay to share online? What should stay private?"

21. "Do you think apps are listening to your conversations? Have you noticed ads for things you just talked about?"

22. "If a friend posted an embarrassing photo of you without asking, what would you do?"

23. "Have you ever felt uncomfortable about something someone said or sent online? Did you tell anyone?"

24. "What would you do if someone you don't know tried to contact you online?"



TOPIC: ETHICS & VALUES

25. "Is it cheating to use AI for homework? Where's the line?"

26. "If AI can do something, does that mean we should? Give me an example."

27. "Should companies be allowed to use AI to spy on employees? What about schools using it to monitor students?"

28. "If a self-driving car has to choose between hitting one person or five people, what should it do? Who decides?"

29. "Is it wrong to use AI to make art? Why or why not?"

30. "What's one rule about AI that you think everyone should follow?"

