Cut Through AI Hype

5 Ready-to-Use Prompts for Critical Thinking

Use these prompts with ChatGPT, Claude, or Gemini to evaluate AI predictions, claims, and trends before making decisions.

PROMPT 01 — **The Incentive Check**

I just read this AI prediction: [PASTE PREDICTION]. Help me analyze: Who made this claim and what's their incentive? Are they selling something, seeking attention, or building credibility? What would they gain if people believed this prediction? Give me a balanced assessment of potential bias.

PROMPT 02 — **The Assumption Finder**

This AI prediction claims: [PASTE PREDICTION]. List every assumption that must be true for this to happen. Consider: technical feasibility, regulatory environment, adoption rates, economic factors, and human behavior changes. Rate each assumption as likely, uncertain, or unlikely.

PROMPT 03 — **The Track Record Analyzer**

I'm evaluating predictions from [PERSON/COMPANY] about AI. Search for their past technology predictions from 5-10 years ago. What did they predict? What actually happened? Based on their track record, how much weight should I give their current AI predictions?

PROMPT 04 — **The Timeline Reality Check**

This prediction says [AI CAPABILITY] will happen within [TIMEFRAME]. Compare this to historical timelines for similar technology shifts. How long did it take for: smartphones to reach mass adoption, cloud computing to become standard, or previous AI breakthroughs to become practical? Is this timeline realistic?

PROMPT 05 — **The So-What Filter**

Even if this AI prediction comes true: [PASTE PREDICTION] — help me think through: What would actually change in my daily work or life? What decisions should I make differently today because of this? If I ignore this prediction entirely, what's the realistic downside? Be brutally practical.