AI Tool Evaluation
PROMPT CARD

6 ready-to-use prompts to cut through AI hype and evaluate what's actually worth your time

1. ASSESS THE REAL PROBLEM

Prompt: Identify the actual need

I'm considering [AI TOOL NAME] for my work. Before I evaluate features, help me clarify: What specific problem am I trying to solve? What does my current workflow look like without this tool? Be direct and challenge any vague reasoning.

Prompt: Check if AI is even necessary

For this task: [DESCRIBE TASK], do I actually need an AI-powered solution? What are the non-AI alternatives? Would a simpler tool, template, or process change solve this just as well?

2. EVALUATE FIT AND FUNCTION

Prompt: Test workflow integration

I currently use [LIST YOUR TOOLS]. How would [AI TOOL NAME] fit into this stack? Identify friction points, redundancies, and whether it replaces something or just adds complexity.

Prompt: Separate hype from value

List the top 5 marketed features of [AI TOOL NAME]. For each feature, answer: Does this solve a problem I actually have? Would I use this weekly? What happens if this feature didn't exist?

3. MAKE THE FINAL DECISION

Prompt: Run the 'invisible AI' test

If [AI TOOL NAME] removed all AI branding and just called itself a productivity tool, would I still want it? What's the core value without the AI label? Help me see past the marketing.

Prompt: Calculate true cost vs. benefit

For [AI TOOL NAME]: What's the monthly cost? How many hours per week would it realistically save me? What's the learning curve? What am I giving up (data, privacy, simplicity)? Give me a honest ROI assessment.

Tip: The best AI tools disappear into your workflow. If a tool needs heavy branding to justify itself, it's probably hype.