

Raise Humans Before Users

5 Conversation Prompts for Screen-Free Skill Building

Use these prompts during story time, meals, or car rides to build the skills screens can't teach.

PROMPT 01	The Story Explorer (During Reading) After reading a page, pause and ask: "What do you think happens next?" Then: "Why do you think [character] did that?" Finally: "Has anything like this ever happened to you?" These questions build prediction, empathy, and personal connection to stories.
PROMPT 02	The Curiosity Builder (Anytime) When your child asks "why" about anything, respond with: "That's a great question. What do YOU think?" Then: "Let's figure it out together." This builds independent thinking instead of expecting instant answers like a search engine provides.
PROMPT 03	The Day Replay (At Dinner or Bedtime) Ask: "What was the best part of today?" Then: "Was there a hard part?" Finally: "What are you looking forward to tomorrow?" This builds reflection, emotional vocabulary, and conversation skills without screen competition.
PROMPT 04	The Physical World Teacher (During Tasks) During everyday activities (cooking, cleaning, getting dressed), narrate and involve them: "Can you find the button? Now push it through the hole. What happens when we turn this?" This builds physical-world understanding and fine motor skills.
PROMPT 05	The Patience Practice (When Waiting) Instead of handing them a screen when waiting, try: "Let's count how many red things we can see." Or: "I spy something..." Or simply: "Let's just sit and watch what happens." This builds patience and observation without instant stimulation.



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