

# 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.

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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.

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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.

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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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