Think Fast Talk Smart

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Key Takeaways

Beyond the Obvious

Ask AI for many varied ideas, including bad ones, instead of settling for its first response.

Human Advantage

Add your expertise, experience, and judgment to get more meaningful results from AI.

Let AI Ask

Better results start with better context. Invite AI to ask questions before it begins.

Activity 1

Push Past the First Idea

Choose a challenge you're working on. Ask AI for 10 ideas, then ask for 10 more that are radically different. You can even request a few deliberately bad ideas. Review the list and identify one unexpected idea worth exploring. What did the variety help you see that the first answer didn't?

Activity 2

Add Your Expertise

Ask AI for a solution to a real problem. Then add three things it couldn't know about your situation, such as your experience, audience, constraints, or values. Ask it to revise its answer using that context. How did your input change the quality or relevance of the result?

Activity 3

Reverse the Prompt

Add this sentence to your next prompt: "Before you answer, ask me three questions to clarify the context and direction." Answer its questions, then let it complete the task. What did its questions help you clarify or communicate?

Today's Tip: Try a Different Perspective

When you're stuck, ask AI to consider your challenge through three unexpected perspectives: an alien, a toddler, and a retired sea captain. Have each stay in character and offer its own assessment or ideas.