



Talking About Generative AI With Your Kids

A parent–child conversation guide for curiosity, ethics, and safe engagement

Part 1: Starting the Conversation

Use these openers to explore what your child already knows about AI:

- “Have you ever used a chatbot or tool that writes stories or answers questions for you?”
- “Do you know what AI is? What have you seen or heard about it?”
- “Have any of your teachers or friends talked about AI tools?”
- “What do you think AI can and can’t do?”
- Keep this stage exploratory and non-judgmental—get a sense of their current understanding, exposure, and attitude.

Part 2: Understanding What Generative AI Is

Start by sharing a basic explanation:

“Generative AI is a kind of technology that learns from a lot of information—like books or websites—and then creates new things based on what it learned, like writing stories, making pictures, or answering questions.”

Depending on age, you might show them a quick example of ChatGPT or an image generator with safe boundaries.

Discussion Prompts:

- “How do you think this could be helpful at school or in your hobbies?”
- “Do you think it’s OK to use a tool that writes for you? When would it be helpful, and when would it be cheating?”

Part 3: Ethics and Responsibility

Sample Prompts to Use

- “If an AI gives you the wrong information, how would you know?”
- “What could go wrong if someone used AI to copy art or music?”
- “How would you feel if a friend used AI to write a whole paper and got a good grade?”

Key Ideas to Share

- AI doesn’t always tell the truth—it can make mistakes
- Using AI to help is different than using it to do everything for you
- People’s ideas, voices, and creativity still matter most
- What we put into AI systems can affect others

Part 4: Setting Boundaries



When It's OK (and Not OK)

Discuss when AI tools are appropriate for school or personal use. Ask teachers or adults if unsure.



Fact-Checking Is Essential

Reinforce the importance of checking anything AI tells them. AI-generated answers are not always accurate.



Privacy Matters

Explain why it's important to keep private information out of AI chats. Thinking and creating matters more than finishing fast.

Part 5: Staying Curious Together

Frame AI as something your family is still learning about together:

- “Want to try an experiment with an AI tool together and see what it can (and can’t) do?”
- “Let’s each ask the same AI a question and see how we’d respond differently.”
- “What kind of rules do you think adults should make for how people use AI?”
- Generative AI is a tool—how we use it is what matters most
- Our values—like honesty, kindness, and fairness—still apply in digital spaces

“Generative AI is a tool—how we use it is what matters most. These technologies will change, and asking good questions helps us keep learning. Our values—like honesty, kindness, and fairness—still apply in digital spaces.”

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