



AI Slop Spotter

A kid-friendly checklist for catching fake authority, missing sources, emotional manipulation, and confident nonsense before it spreads.

10–17

10 minutes

Draft resource



Too smooth

It sounds polished, symmetrical, and final — but says nothing you can point to. Smooth writing is not the same thing as good thinking.



No receipts

It gives facts, numbers, quotes, health claims, history, or “studies show” language without sources you can inspect and understand.



Fake certainty

It uses “always,” “never,” “everyone knows,” or a confident tone where a real answer should mention limits, tradeoffs, or what is unknown.



Emotional push

It tries to make you angry, scared, rushed, flattered, smug, or ashamed. Strong emotion is a sign to slow down, not share faster.



Missing tradeoffs

It gives one perfect answer when the real world has pros, cons, costs, exceptions, or family-specific constraints.



Wrong for our family

It ignores age, school rules, privacy, budget, values, safety, medical needs, or the simple fact that a parent should be involved.

“Slop is not just ugly AI art. Slop is any answer that looks finished before it has earned your trust.”

Family test

If it sounds impressive but cannot explain itself, slow down and ask for receipts. The prettier the answer looks, the more calmly you should check it.

Three words to teach

Receipts: where did this come from?

Fit: does this apply to us?

Friction: what feels too easy?

Make it yours

Our rule: _____

We will try: _____

Ask a human when: _____