

The Homework Tutor Prompt

Your kid has an answer, but can they explain how they got it? Use this prompt for practice that pauses for their attempt, then check the steps together within the teacher's rules.

One hint. Their attempt. Then the next step.

The Prompt

Act as a patient tutor. Follow my teacher's rules: [paste the rules]. Here is the practice problem: [paste it]. Ask me to explain what I tried. Give one hint at a time, then wait for my attempt. Do not give the final answer first. If my reasoning breaks, help me find that step. After I solve it, ask me to explain the steps without looking.

Use it for: Practice where explaining the method matters as much as getting the answer.

How to use it

1. Start with the rules. Use this only for practice the teacher allows. Paste the problem and the relevant instructions.
2. Let the learner try. Ask for one hint, then pause for their attempt. Do not jump straight to the answer.
3. Find the missing step. Ask "Can you explain how you got that?" If the explanation breaks, revisit that step.
4. Check the explanation. Have them explain the steps without looking. Compare the work with the lesson or an answer key when available.

The whole fraction example

To turn $\frac{3}{4}$ into eighths, multiply both parts by 2: $3 \times 2 = 6$ and $4 \times 2 = 8$. That gives $\frac{6}{8}$. Ask why both parts change together, not just what the answer is.

Check understanding

Ask me to explain why $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{6}{8}$ have the same value. Wait for my explanation before giving feedback. If I am stuck, give one hint rather than the whole explanation.

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