

1. Informal Talks on Everyday Tech

Have a conversation with your child on how the family uses technology on a daily basis. What tech tools do you use every day? Is AI involved in the tech you use? How can you tell? Ask the following questions to begin thinking about how you might be using AI:

- What tech tools do you use on a daily basis?
- How has the tool changed over the past year?
- What ways do you think the tool could be improved?
- What skills do you think would be needed to help improve the tool?



2. A Conversation on Workplace Skills - Past & Present



Create a list with your teen on what skills were needed for part-time jobs, apprenticeships, internships and full-time jobs when you were their age to what skills you think are needed now.

- How is the list different from then and now?
- Where do they think AI ranks in the list of skills? Check out the LinkedIn report [Skills on the Rise in 2025](#) with your teen.
- What do they think it means to be AI literate? Together, research what it would mean to be AI literate in their dream job.

3. Compare Experiences

Highlight generational, or even multigenerational, differences and experiences your child sees and turn them into an opportunity to discuss careers. A prompt like [Back in My Day](#) gives you a chance to share an experience or tool that has changed significantly over time.

Look around your house for recent inventions or technology, such as the telephone or computer. Discuss what came before that invention with parents, grandparents, and children! Then, use the internet to research what careers are required to build a similar invention. Further extend the activity by discussing how AI has enhanced that invention. What careers are out there to make the tool or device “AI ready”?



5 Ways to Connect With Your Child Around AI and Careers

4. Informal Talks on Interests and Skills

In middle school, youth are beginning to explore their own interests and learn about jobs and careers. Start a conversation with your youth using the questions below. While you talk, highlight skills like problem-solving, teamwork, and persisting through frustration and hardship. Take the opportunity to talk about the skills your young person needs for their hobbies or interests. How does AI literacy support and enhance their interests and skills?

- What was challenging today? What did you do?
- Who did you help today? How?
- What problems did you solve today? Who helped you solve the problem?
- What skills do you need to be good at your particular hobby (video games, sports, art or drawing, etc.)?
- What AI tools do you use now? How do you use them?
- What role does AI literacy play in enhancing your skills?
- Are there skills that you'd like to develop that AI tools can help you with?



5. Careers in the Wild



Help your teen interview friends, family members, and community members about their careers. Your teen can ask questions like:

- How did you choose your career?
- What skills do you use most often in your work?
Where would you rank AI literacy skills?
- How has AI changed the way you work?
- What activities and/or skills have you carried with you from high school?
- What would you tell your teenage self to keep doing or start doing?