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Pick the Right AI Tool

Using one AI for everything? You are leaving the good stuff on the table. Today you learn which kind of tool fits homework, research, images, and music.

Start the quick move

Jump to tool map

YOUR CURRENT LEVEL

0 XP

Level 1: One-Tool User

Name the task

Use the tool map

Pick study vs creative

Check safety rules

Try one starter prompt

Choose next task tool

The big idea

AI tools are like school supplies. You would not use a paintbrush to solve maths, or a calculator to draw a poster. Different AI tools are better for different jobs.

This is not a ranking and not an ad. Free access and features can change, so always check the tool page with a grown-up if an account is needed.

1 **First name the job**

Do not start with the tool. Start with what you want to do.

Before opening any AI tool, ask: **“What job do I need done?”** Homework help? Research? A picture? A song? A writing draft? A source-backed answer?

My next task

Example: make a short explanation of photosynthesis

What kind of task is it?

Study / homework understanding



TOOL SUGGESTION

For "your task", try Claude or ChatGPT. Ask it to explain, quiz, or help you practise. Do not ask it to write the final homework for you.

THOUGHT BULB

Tool selection is a habit. The smartest AI users do not ask "Which AI is best?" They ask "Which AI fits this job?"

☐ I named the job before choosing the tool.

2 Use the quick tool map

Pick by job type, not by hype.

Study + writing

Claude or ChatGPT

Research with sources

Perplexity

Good for explaining topics, rewriting for clarity, making practice questions, checking logic, summarising notes, and helping you think through an answer.

Use it like: “Explain this concept simply, then quiz me.”

Useful when you need source-backed research, current information, or a starting list of sources to verify.

Use it like: “Give me a short answer with sources I can check.”

Images + posters

Bing Image Creator or Gemini

Useful for generating image ideas, poster concepts, visual styles, mood boards, and design directions.

Use it like: “Create a poster concept for...”

Music + songs

Suno

Useful for turning an idea into a short song, anthem, jingle, or music-style experiment.

Use it like: “A 30-second upbeat song about...”

NO SPONSORSHIP RULE

This page is not saying one tool is always the best. It is a practical map. Tools change, free plans change, and school/parent rules matter.

☐ I used the tool map instead of using one AI for everything.

3 Choose study mode or creative mode

The same topic can need different tools depending on the output.

Your task	Better tool type	Starter instruction	Do not do this
Understand a chapter	Claude or ChatGPT	"Explain it simply, then ask me 5 questions."	Do not ask it to write your final homework answer for submission.
Find current facts with sources	Perplexity	"Give me sources I can verify."	Do not copy facts without checking the source.
Make a poster idea	Bing Image Creator or Gemini	"Create a poster concept with space for text."	Do not use real classmates' faces or private details.
Make a short song	Suno	"A 30-second song about..."	Do not imitate a real singer or use hurtful lyrics.

QUICK DECISION RULE

Words and thinking? Claude or ChatGPT. **Sources?** Perplexity. **Images?** Bing or Gemini. **Music?** Suno.

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I can choose a tool based on whether the task is study, research, image, or music.

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Check the account and safety rules

Free tools may still need an account, and accounts may need grown-up help.

1

Need an account?

Ask a parent, teacher, or grown-up before signing up.

2

Need private details?

Do not share full name, phone number, address, school ID, passwords, or documents.

3

Need facts?

Check important facts, numbers, deadlines, and source claims.

CAUTION BOARD

For homework, use AI to understand and practise. Do not submit AI's answer as your own. Your final work should be written or made by you.

☐ I checked the basic safety rules before choosing a tool.

5 Try one starter prompt

Pick the one that matches your next task.

STUDY / HOMEWORK UNDERSTANDING

Explain [topic] simply for a Class [grade] student. Then ask me 5 practice questions. Do not write my final homework answer.

Copy study prompt

RESEARCH WITH SOURCES

Research [topic] and give me a short answer with sources I can check. Separate facts from opinions.

Copy research prompt

IMAGE / POSTER IDEA

Create a poster concept for [topic/event]. Make it clear, student-friendly, and leave space for text. Do not include real faces.

Copy image prompt

MUSIC / SONG IDEA

A 30-second [mood] song about [topic], easy to understand, school-safe, with simple lyrics.

Copy music prompt

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I tried or saved one starter prompt for the right tool type.

6 Optional: make your AI Move card

A small reminder of the tool-selection move.

CARD COPY

Title: AI Move of the Day

Move: Pick the right free AI tool for the job.

Map: Study/writing → Claude or ChatGPT. Research with sources → Perplexity. Images → Bing or Gemini. Music → Suno.

Rule: No tool is best for everything. Choose by task.

Closer: Pick the right tool for your next task.

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I made, sketched, or saved the AI Move card.

Final 5-minute move

Look at your next task. Choose the tool type before opening any app. That one pause makes you a smarter AI user.

My next task + tool choice

Example: My next task is to research renewable energy sources. I will use Perplexity because I need sources I can check.

☐ I chose the tool based on the task, not hype.

☐ I know free features and account rules can change.

☐ I will use AI to understand and create, not to cheat or submit blindly.

NOTEBOOK LINE

Write this down: **“Right task first. Right tool second.”**

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