

How to use the AI prompt card with the Think, Do, Create workshop sheets

Five AI prompts, each paired with a step on the two A3 workshop sheets. This page says which prompt goes with which step, and how to use what comes back.

What you need

The two workshop sheets, printed at A3, and the prompt card, printed at A4. A pencil. One course you are teaching next term and one topic inside it that you already teach well. Any AI tool, on a laptop or phone.

The sheets work without the card. It speeds up the steps where you want more options or a second opinion.

The working rule

Everything on the sheets is written by hand, in pencil. The AI is used beside the sheet, and only what you would say out loud in class is copied onto it. Ask the AI to argue against your favorite question. If the question survives, keep it.

Keep student names, grades and any personal details out of what you paste into an AI tool.

Which prompt goes with which step

The card was written for an earlier edition of the sheets and labels its prompts Zone 2 to Zone 6. The current sheets number their steps 1 to 10. This table connects them.

CARD PROMPT	USE IT WHEN	SHEET STEP
Zone 2 • Widen the storm	You have written a few questions and have run out.	Sheet 1, step 2, Write the questions. Add the ones that make you feel something.
Zone 3 • Find the testable core	A question you kept feels important but vague.	Sheet 1, step 4, Keep what you can act on. Rewrite the question so students could test it.
Zone 4 • Design the Do, three ways	You want options for what students could do in one week.	Sheet 2, step 6, Choose the doing. Circle the verbs the options suggest.
Zone 5 • Shape the Create	You are deciding what students will make and for whom.	Sheet 2, steps 7 and 8, Audit the making and The authenticity test.
Zone 6 • Rehearse the table test	Your plan is drafted and you have ten minutes.	Sheet 2, step 9, Defend it. Answer the three hardest questions aloud before a partner takes the plan apart.

How to run a prompt

- 1 Copy the prompt from the card into any AI tool.
- 2 Replace the text in square brackets with your own topic or question.
- 3 Read the answer as a skeptic. Most of it will be generic. Look for the one line that surprises you.
- 4 Write that line on the sheet by hand, in your own words.
- 5 Then continue. One run per step is enough.

Timing

The sheets take about forty minutes in a workshop. Using the card adds about ten. If you are working alone, use the card in place of the partner steps (sheet 1, step 3, and sheet 2, step 9) by asking the AI to rank your questions and say why, or to find the weak joint in your plan. Then treat its ranking with the same suspicion you would show a colleague's.

Why the card exists. Students already work this way: a fast draft from AI, then judgment about what to keep. The card asks faculty to practice that judgment first, on their own course, before designing it into an assignment.