

# Catch the Confident Mistake

GAME

SKILL: CRITICAL EVALUATION OF AI-GENERATED INFORMATION

45-60 MINUTES

## RECOMMENDED AGE RANGE

Ages 8-14, because kids this age are already encountering AI in school tools and homework helpers but are developmentally ready to start questioning authoritative-sounding sources rather than simply accepting them.

## WHAT YOU NEED

A device with access to an AI chatbot

Paper and pens for each player

A timer

Topics each player knows well (a sport, a pet, a favorite book series, a hobby)

## ACTIVITY STEPS

- 01 Each player picks one topic they know really well and writes down three things that are definitely true about it — facts they could defend if challenged.
- 02 Players take turns being the "Questioner." The Questioner types a prompt into the AI about someone else's topic, asking for five facts. Read the AI's answer aloud to the group without showing the screen.
- 03 Every other player listens carefully and writes down any answer they think sounds wrong, vague, or suspiciously confident — then secretly rates their suspicion from 1 (a little off) to 3 (definitely wrong).
- 04 The player who owns that topic reveals which answers were accurate, which were wrong, and which were close but misleading. Compare everyone's suspicion ratings to see who caught the mistakes and who got fooled.
- 05 After two rounds, pause for a group debrief: which kinds of mistakes were hardest to catch? Were wrong answers delivered differently than right ones? Let kids lead this part — they'll notice more than you expect.

#### THE DEEPER LESSON

*Right now, 79% of companies are using AI tools, but research shows that only about 20% of organizations are capturing most of AI's value — not because they have better access, but because they use it more carefully and critically. This game gives kids a felt experience of that difference: passive users accept the confident answer, while effective users stay alert to what sounds just slightly off. The habit of mild suspicion — not distrust, but healthy questioning — is exactly what separates someone who is steered by AI from someone who steers it.*

#### CONVERSATION STARTER

*"If an AI answer sounds completely confident and turns out to be completely wrong, what does that tell you about confidence as a signal for truth — and where else in life might that same lesson apply?"*

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