When to Stop the Loop

When we use an **iterative refinement loop**, we keep improving something step by step. But how do we know when to **(1)** _____? Sometimes it's easy to keep changing our work again and again, even when it's already **(2)** _____.

The goal of the loop is to make things better, not to make them **(3)** _____. There comes a time when you have made strong improvements, and more changes will only make things **(4)** _____ or confusing. That's when it's time to pause and say, "This is **(5)** _____ for now."

For example, if you ask ChatGPT to write a story and you keep asking for small **(6)** _____, the story might lose its original idea. But if you stop when the story matches your main **(7)** _____, you have reached a good ending point.

Learning when to stop is part of being a smart **(8)** _____. Scientists, artists, and writers all have to decide when their work is ready to **(9)** _____. Too many changes can make you **(10)** _____, and you might forget what you were trying to do.

A good way to know when to stop is to ask:

- Does this version meet my **(11)** _____?

- Does it say or show what I wanted it to?

- Do the changes still make it **(12)** _____ and clear?

If the answer to those questions is "yes," then you've reached the **(13)** _____ of your loop. You've learned, refined, and improved. Now it's time to **(14)** _____, share your work, or start something new.

Stopping doesn't mean giving up. It means you used your time and effort **(15)** _____, and you're ready for the next challenge.

Word Bank (Use each word once)

perfect • stop • focus • good • change • learner • share • goal • wisely • clear • end • ready • too much • confused • improvements