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An Advice Column for the Age of Algorithms

Every day, people ask artificial intelligence for help - from math problems to relationship drama. But how far should we let machines guide our choices? In this activity, you'll read "letters" written to an imaginary AI advice column. For each one, think carefully: Should this person trust the AI's advice? What might the AI say? And when should a human - not a machine - step in? Respond thoughtfully to each scenario and explain your reasoning.



1. Dear AI,

My best friend has been ignoring my messages for a week. I asked an AI what to do, and it told me to "analyze their behavior for patterns of disengagement." Should I take that advice, or should I just talk to my friend like a normal person?

Should this person trust AI's advice?

What might the AI say?

When should a human step in?

2. Dear AI,

I'm trying to decide what to be when I grow up. The AI said I'd make a great accountant because I like organizing things. But I also love painting and working with animals. Can an algorithm really know what will make me happy?

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3. Dear AI,

My parents and I can't agree about how much time I should spend online. The AI said that "screen time is a complex social variable." That doesn't help! Should I listen to it or talk to someone else?

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What might the AI say?

When should a human step in?