

The READY Framework

AI literacy framework | All ages | Free reference

READY helps learners and adults pause before using AI outputs. It keeps the human in charge of the final decision.

Letter	READY step	What it means
R	Recognize AI all around you	Look for AI in search engines, recommendations, voice assistants, maps, apps, writing tools, image tools, and more.
E	Evaluate outputs	Ask yourself, "Do I need to use AI for this?" Then check accuracy, usefulness, fairness, privacy, and source quality before using the output.
A	Apply skills you have learned	Use AI as a tool, not a shortcut. Follow your school, workplace, or family guidelines and use your own judgment.
D	Develop more skills	Keep practicing, reflecting, improving prompts, and learning how AI systems work.
Y	You	You are in charge of how you use AI. You own your decisions, credit AI when needed, protect privacy, and use AI ethically.

Before READY	After READY
"AI gave me an answer. I used it without checking."	"I recognized where AI was involved, evaluated the output, asked if AI was needed, applied what I learned, and owned my final choice."

Key reminder

You are the thinker. AI is the tool.