

Help or Cheating? The Assignment Chart

One page. Every common assignment type, and exactly where the line falls for each.

Assignment	AI may...	AI may never...
Math practice	Explain a method after an attempt; check a finished answer; generate similar problems	Produce the answer set; do the steps that are being graded
Reading response	Quiz them on the text; define hard words; discuss a theme they raised	Summarize the reading; produce the response
Essay / report	Critique a written draft; suggest counter-arguments; catch weak structure	Generate paragraphs, thesis statements, or conclusions
Research project	Suggest search directions; explain a concept; format a citation	Supply facts or sources that aren't independently verified
Study prep	Generate unlimited practice questions and flashcards; roleplay an oral exam	Be open during the actual assessment
Creative writing	Brainstorm ideas the child then chooses among; react to their draft	Write scenes, characters, or lines that get handed in
Slides / project	Improve layout; tighten phrasing the child wrote; suggest a title	Write the content being graded
Coding	Explain an error; walk through logic; review code they wrote	Produce code they can't read line by line
Take-home test	Nothing, unless the teacher put permission in writing	Anything at all, by default
Language learning	Drill vocabulary; correct pronunciation; converse for practice	Translate the assignment

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The test that covers everything else: ask what this assignment is measuring. If AI does that part, the assignment stopped working — no matter how the rule is worded.