

AI Intelligence Partner Question Set

A structured set of questions for using AI as a thinking partner: strategic advisor, devil's advocate, and pattern-spotter.

Ask these directly to the AI tool you are using, paired with the real context about the project you are leading. Then follow the logic of a fishbone exercise: start with the first question, keep asking why, down to five levels, until the real answer surfaces.

The responses you receive will be more specific and more useful than a generic prompt produces. Giving the AI a persona, and real context is what helps tailor the output to your situation. Try two or three of the questions on a challenging problem or an uncertain situation that seems stuck or is not making the progress expected. Notice the difference.

ASK THE AI DIRECTLY

1. What am I not seeing?
2. What would you do differently?
3. What are the gotchas in this situation?
4. What else would you suggest?
5. What risks do you see across programs and product teams?
6. What might I get pushback on from my key stakeholder, based on these meeting notes?
7. What might leadership push back on, based on the history here?

Note: Remember to add AI instructions and guardrails to enhance “thinking” and quality of responses.