

WRITING PARTNER GUIDE

Purpose. Use an AI chatbot to get feedback on your writing. The chatbot is a partner — it *should not* write for you, but it can help you notice gaps, improve clarity, and expand your ideas.

Remember

- Always paste your own draft and peer comments first.
- Use clear, specific questions.
- Don't ask the AI to rewrite for you—ask it to highlight, suggest, or connect ideas.

Sample Prompt Questions

Always remember to add the following statement to the end of each question:

Don't write it for me.

This helps ensure that the writing stays your own. Consider using some of the following:

- “What parts of my argument may feel unclear to a reader?”
- “Suggest two ways I could make my introduction more engaging without rewriting it for me.”
- “Can you help me identify areas where I could expand with more evidence?”
- “Summarize the main themes you see in my draft so that I can check whether or not they align with my intent.”
- “Help me create a short piece [insert desired length] that honestly reflects my response to this [insert topic]. Suggest 2-3 different approaches for organizing this reflection. Don't write it for me. Share your suggestions as bulleted outlines.”
- “I think approach three is my favorite. Can you flesh those ideas out a bit, drawing direct parallels to the notes I shared?”
- “Here is my draft and my peers' comments. Can you summarize the main themes in their feedback?”
- “Which peer suggestions connect most strongly to my thesis?”
- “How do my ideas and my peers' ideas overlap?”
- “What are two ways I could combine my argument with my peers' feedback to make it stronger?”
- “Which suggestions will make the biggest impact if I added them?”
- “Are there any suggestions that don't fit my purpose?”
- “Help me outline a way to include both my original idea and my peers' feedback in [insert desired length].”
- “Suggest a transition sentence that connects my idea to one of my peers' points (don't rewrite the whole section).”

Below is a model of how your conversation could look.

Actions	Sample Prompt
Give context and background.	<p><i>I'm a junior writing a first draft of an essay for my English class where we are talking about the future of writing in the age of AI. We started the session with a free write capturing our initial thoughts. Here's what I wrote: [Copy and Paste your draft.]</i></p> <p><i>Then we read an article about different types of friction in learning - some friction that can help students grow (like struggling with complex ideas or getting feedback from peers) and some friction that just gets in the way (like unclear instructions or inaccessible materials). After discussing it with my small group, here's what I found interesting: [insert your 1-2 paragraph summary of your own thinking and important ideas from your group.]</i></p>
Pose your question.	<p><i>What are the connections between my personal ideas and these ideas about productive vs. unproductive friction in learning. How do my hopes and worries about AI connect to the ways it can make learning easier—or harder? What questions should I explore further?</i></p>
Define the output.	<p><i>Please provide feedback as 5 observations about my thinking and 5 suggestions for making this draft better. Keep each observation and suggestion concise but meaningful.</i></p>