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Thinking in Sequence

There's no perfect prompt, because real problems don't resolve in one step — they unfold as you notice, test, rule out, and decide what comes next. Chain prompting mirrors how competent adults already think, and this worksheet runs one real problem through the chain. Use something diagnostic: a symptom, a budget that won't add up, a behavior pattern, a thing in your house that leaks.

The problem: _____

Step one — *clarify before you touch anything*. Instead of "how do I fix it," the opening move is: "Here's what I'm seeing: _____."

Help me think through what could be causing this before I act."

The clarifying questions it asked me back, and my answers: _____

Step two — *narrow*. What the answers ruled out: _____

What's left standing: _____



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Step three — *look, don't act.* The observation it suggested before any intervention (dry the joints and watch where dampness appears first; track the behavior for three days; pull the last two months of statements): _____

What I observed: _____

Step four — *one move, then reassess.* The single smallest action: _____

Did it hold? _____

If not, the next link: _____

The instruction that turns any platform into this mode, worth saving verbatim: *I want to work through this step by step. Ask me one clarifying question at a time, explain your reasoning briefly, and wait for my response before moving on. Assume I want to understand the problem, not just fix it.*

What I understand now about how this system works — not just the fix, the system: _____

That understanding is the part the kids should see, because hard problems get solved one move at a time, not in a single impulsive leap.

