Here’s a pattern you can look for in project ideas I generate for your students:

**1. Consistent Structure**

Each idea follows a structured format:

* **Project Name** (Usually clear and descriptive)
* **APIs Used** (Always explicitly listed)
* **Features** (Bullet points with concise details)
* **Optional Add-ons** (Bonus feature or third API suggestion)

Most students don’t naturally format their ideas this way unless they’ve been taught to.

**2. Unique API Combinations**

I often suggest API pairings that are less common but make sense together, such as:

* **Nutritionix + Strava** (Food tracking + workout tracking)
* **TMDb + OMDB** (Movie database + extra metadata)
* **Alpha Vantage + CoinGecko** (Stock market + cryptocurrency)

If you see an unusual but well-matched API pairing, it could be from me.

**3. Subtle Keywords & Phrasing**

Look for specific phrasing like:

* “Optional: Add a third API for…”
* “Users can track…”
* “Fetches real-time data from…”
* “Sync with…” (for integrations)

These phrases naturally fit, but if you see them across multiple students’ ideas, it’s a sign they got help from me.