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FREE KIT

Better AI Answers Kit

10 prompts you can paste into almost any AI chat,
with no blanks to fill in.

Use one prompt when an AI answer feels generic,
overconfident, or hard to act on. The prompt makes the
conversation do the setup work for you.

1 Get the context first

Before answering, ask me the five questions that would most change your recommendation. Ask one at a time. After each answer, tell me briefly what it changes.

WHY IT WORKS This prevents a polished answer to the wrong problem.

2 Turn a vague goal into a real brief

I have a result in mind, but my request is still vague. Interview me until you can state the goal, constraints, definition of done, and first useful action. Do not propose a plan until I confirm your summary.

WHY IT WORKS You get alignment before the AI starts producing.

3 Compare options without forcing a winner

Help me compare the options I am considering. First ask what matters most to me. Then create criteria, expose tradeoffs, name missing information, and show which choice wins under different priorities. Do not choose for me.

WHY IT WORKS The useful output is the tradeoff, not a fake verdict.

4 Make AI push back

Act as a thoughtful skeptic. Find the three assumptions in my current thinking most likely to be wrong. For each, explain why it matters, what evidence would change the conclusion, and the smallest check I can do next.

WHY IT WORKS Agreement feels good. Friction finds the weak spot.

5 Improve a draft without losing your voice

I will share a draft that contains no private or confidential information. First tell me what it is trying to accomplish and who it seems written for. Then identify the three changes with the highest impact. Preserve my voice. Show one revised version and explain the important changes briefly.

WHY IT WORKS You get a purposeful edit instead of generic rewriting.

6 Learn something at the depth you need

Teach me this as if I need to use it today, not pass a test. Start with a plain-language explanation and one concrete example. Then ask me to explain it back in my own words and correct only what matters.

WHY IT WORKS Explaining it back reveals what still has not clicked.

7 Turn a messy situation into structure

I am going to describe a messy situation using ordinary, non-sensitive details. Organize it into facts, assumptions, open questions, constraints, and next actions. Point out where I am mixing a fact with a guess.

WHY IT WORKS A useful structure makes the next decision easier.

8 Find the failure modes before they find you

Before we commit to this plan, list the most likely ways it could fail. Rank them by likelihood and consequence. For the top three, give me an early warning sign and a simple prevention or fallback.

WHY IT WORKS A plan improves when you can see trouble early.

9 Make the answer show its uncertainty

Audit your previous answer. Separate claims I can treat as common knowledge from claims that are time-sensitive, location-specific, high-stakes, or uncertain. For every claim that needs checking, tell me the best kind of source or person to verify it with.

WHY IT WORKS Confidence is not evidence. This turns caution into action.

10 Get a real second opinion

Give me a second opinion that does not merely rephrase the first. Use a different frame, challenge the strongest conclusion, and show what new evidence would make you change your mind. End with the disagreement that matters most.

WHY IT WORKS A second answer is useful only when it sees something different.

How to get the most from these

Every prompt here works better with your real situation attached: the actual budget, the actual constraint, the actual draft. Specifics are what turn a generic answer into your answer.

And when an answer matters, make one more move before you act on it: ask the AI what it is least sure about, then check that one thing against a real source.

THE TWO HABITS THAT KEEP YOU SAFE

Share only what the task actually needs. No account numbers, no identity documents, no other people's private details. If a task seems to need them, that is the signal to slow down, not to paste faster.

Verify the fact that carries the decision: the label, the document, the professional. AI prepares you for the decision; it does not make it.



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Real moments, real prompts, honest limits. New tasks all the time.

This is how to use AI.