

Five Prompt Engineering Patterns

1. Detailed Instructions

Specify exactly what to extract,
list all required fields

2. Few-Shot Examples

Show 3-5 example outputs
to demonstrate format

3. Role-Playing

"You are an expert..."
sets context and expectations

4. Step-by-Step

Break into steps:
1. Identify... 2. Extract...

5. Format Specification

"Return as JSON with..."
describe desired structure

All techniques improve quality through clearer communication