



# Class 02

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## Guidelines for Prompting

Principles:

- 1) Write clear and specific instructions
- 2) Give the model time to think

### Principle 01

Clear is not the same to short

Tactic 01: Use delimiters

Triple quotes: `"""`

Triple backsticks: `````

Triple dashes: `- - -`

Angle brackets: `<>`

XML tags: `<tag> </tag>`

Tactic 02: Ask for structured output

HTML, JSON, etc.

Tactic 03: Check whether conditions are satisfied. Check assumptions required to do the task.

Tactic 04: Few-shot prompting

Give successful examples of completing tasks. Then ask the model to perform the task.

## Principle 02

Tactic 01: Specify the steps to complete a task

Step 1...

Step 2...

...

Step N...

Tactic 02: Instruct the model to work out its own solution before rushing to a conclusion.

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# Model limitations

## Hallucination:

Makes statements that sound plausible but are not true.

- Boie is a real company, the product name is not real.

```
prompt = f"""
```

```
Tell me about AeroGlide UltraSlim Smart Toothbrush by Boie
```

```
"""
```

```
response = get_completion(prompt)
```

```
print(response)
```

## Reducing hallucinations:

- First find relevant information

- Then answer the question based on the relevant information