Prompt Engineering: 50+ Ready-to-Use Prompt Templates

Designed for educators and learners — includes basic, intermediate, and advanced examples.

A. Basic Prompt Templates

1. General Inquiry:

Explain [topic] in simple terms.

2. Summarization:

Summarize the following text in [number] bullet points: [Insert long text here]

3. Paraphrasing

Rewrite this sentence in your own words: [Sentence here]

4. Definition Request

What is the meaning of [term or concept]?

5. Comparison

Compare [A] and [B] based on [criteria].

B. Persona-Based Prompt Templates

6. Role + Explanation

You are a [role]. Explain [concept] to [audience].

> Example: You are a chef. Explain how to make pasta to a beginner

7. Style Mimicry

Write like [famous person or character]: [topic].

> Example: Write like Elon Musk: Why Al will change the world.

8. Professional Writing

You are a [job title]. Write a [document type] about [topic].

- > Example: You are a marketing manager. Write a product description for an electric car
 - C. Few-Shot Prompt Templates

9. Classification Template

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Classify sentiment: [Example \ 1] \rightarrow [Label \ 1] [Example \ 2] \rightarrow [Label \ 2] [New \ Input] \rightarrow \_\_ > Example: The food was amazing \rightarrow Positive | I hated the service \rightarrow Negative | It was okay \rightarrow \_\_
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10. Translation Template

Translate the following sentences into [target language]:

[English sentence] → [Translated sentence]

[Another English sentence] → [Translated sentence]

[New sentence] →

11. Question Answering Template

Answer these questions:

Who wrote "Romeo and Juliet"? \rightarrow William Shakespeare What is the capital of France? \rightarrow Paris Who discovered gravity? \rightarrow

D. Chain-of-Thought (CoT) Templates

12. Step-by-Step Reasoning

Let's think step by step. [Problem statement]. First, we [step 1], then [step 2], so finally [conclusion].

> Example: Let's think step by step. If a train travels at 60 km/h for 3 hours, how far does it go?

13. Math Problem Solving

Solve this math problem by showing your work: [Question here]

14. Logical Puzzle

Solve the following logic puzzle. Show your reasoning process:

[Puzzle description]

E. Instruction Tuning / Format Control

15. Output Formatting

Summarize the article below in exactly [X] bullet points.

16. Table Generation

Create a table comparing [A], [B], and [C] based on [criteria].

17. Email Writing

Write a professional email to [recipient] regarding [purpose]. Use a formal tone.

F. Contextual Prompts

18. Tailored Explanation

Explain [complex topic] to a [age group] who knows [background knowledge].

> Example. Explain blockchain to a high school student who understands basic computer science.

19. Industry-Specific Context

As a [industry expert], explain how [technology/product] impacts [specific industry].

G. Creative Writing Prompts

20. Story Writing

Write a short story about [character] who [goal] but faces [obstacle].

21. Poem Writing

Write a poem in [style/poetic form] about [theme].

22. Dialogue Writing

Write a realistic dialogue between [Person A] and [Person B] discussing [topic].

H. Code & Technical Prompts

23. Code Generation

Write a [language] function that [does something].

> Example: Write a Python function to calculate Fibonacci numbers.

24. Debugging Help

Here is some code. Find and fix any errors:

[code snippet]

25. API Documentation

Explain how to use the [API name] with an example request and response.

I. Marketing & Business Prompts

26. Ad Copywriting

Write a compelling ad for [product/service] targeting [audience].

27. Product Description

Write a persuasive product description for [product name].

28. Social Media Post

Create a social media post promoting [event/product/idea] in a friendly tone.

J. Customer Support & Service Prompts

29. Response to Complaint

Respond professionally to this customer complaint:

[Customer message here]

30. FAQ Generator

Generate 5 common FAQs and answers for [topic/product]

K. Education & Tutoring Prompts

31. Lesson Plan Creation

Create a lesson plan for teaching [topic] to [grade level].

32. Quiz Generation

Generate a 5-question quiz about [subject/topic].

33. Homework Help

Explain how to solve this [math/science] problem: [Question here]

L. Advanced Framework-Based Templates

34. ReAct Framework

Thought: [model thinks about what to do next]

Action: [model takes an action]

Observation: [result of the action]

Answer: [final answer]

> Simulate agent behavior manually.

35. Tree of Thoughts (ToT)

Generate 3 possible solutions to [problem]. Evaluate each and choose the best one.

36. Self-Consistency Prompting

Solve the following question in 3 different ways and pick the most consistent answer:

[Question here]

M. Prompt Optimization & Evaluation

37. Prompt Refinement

Improve this prompt: "[Original prompt]"

Make it clearer, more specific, and structured.

38. Prompt Grading Rubric

	Rate this output based on the following criteria $(1-5)$:
	Relevance:
	Accuracy:
	Clarity:
	Fluency:
	Creativity:
	Final Score:
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39. Prompt Iteration Challenge

Take this weak prompt: "[Prompt]"

Now rewrite it 3 times to improve clarity and effectiveness.

N. Real-World Application Prompts

40. Job Posting Creation

Write a job posting for [position] at [company]. Include responsibilities, requirements, and benefits.

41. Resume Summary Builder

Create a professional summary for a resume based on the following details:

[Experience, skills, achievements]

42. Business Proposal

Write a proposal for [project idea] to [client/investor]. Include objectives, methodology, and benefits

O. Miscellaneous Useful Templates

43. Opinion Writing

Write an opinion piece on [topic]. Use persuasive arguments and examples.

44. Debate Preparation

Prepare arguments for both sides of the debate: "[Debate topic]"

45. Travel Planning

Plan a 5-day trip to [destination] for [type of traveler]. Include activities, budget, and tips.

46. Book/Movie Review

Write a review of [book/movie]. Include plot summary, strengths, weaknesses, and recommendation.

47. Personal Development

Give me actionable advice on how to [goal], including daily habits and mindset shifts.

P. Prompt Chaining Examples

48. Multi-step Research Task

Step 1:

Find out the top 5 causes of climate change.

Step 2:

Based on those causes, suggest 5 practical solutions individuals can adopt.

49. Idea to Execution

Step 1:

Generate 5 business ideas for eco-friendly products.

Step 2:

Pick one idea and create a marketing strategy for it.

Q. Prompt Template Generator

50. Universal Prompt Builder

[Role] + [Task] + [Context] + [Example] + [Format] Example:

You are a nutritionist. Create a weekly meal plan for someone with diabetes. Include breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks. Format as a table.