#promptengineering

[Here is a table summarizing some of the best practices for prompt engineering from OpenAI](https://help.openai.com/en/articles/6654000-best-practices-for-prompt-engineering-with-openai-api).

| **Best Practice** | **Description** |  | **Example** |
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| Write clear instructions | Give specific, descriptive, and detailed instructions about the desired context, outcome, length, format, style, etc. |  | Summarize the text below as a bullet point list of the most important points. Text: """ {text input here} """ |
| Provide reference text | Provide relevant text or data sources to help the model answer with fewer fabrications or errors. |  | Instruct the model to answer using a reference text. Reference text: """ {text input here} """ |
| Split complex tasks into simpler subtasks | Decompose a complex task into a sequence of simpler tasks that can be solved more reliably and efficiently. |  | Use intent classification to identify the most relevant instructions for a user query. Intent: {intent here} Instructions: {instructions here} |
| Give the model time to “think” | Ask the model to show its reasoning process or intermediate steps before giving the final answer. |  | Instruct the model to work out its own solution before rushing to a conclusion. Solution: {solution here} Answer: {answer here} |