

MIDJOURNEY PROMPTING 2025 CHEAT SHEET (V6.1)



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Basic Photorealistic Prompt Structure

Here is the basic structure of the initial prompt.

[PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE] [SHOT TYPE] [SUBJECT/ACTION] [ETHNICITY] [FASHION]
[LOCATION] [EMOTION] [LIGHTING] [PARAMETERS]

- If you are working on Midjourney from Discord, you will need to manually type in parameters.
- If working in Midjourney Alpha, most of the parameters below can be edited from the dashboard.

Midjourney Parameters

--style raw | nudges Midjourney towards photorealism
--sref <url> | use images as style guide
--sw <value> | tunes the influence of --sref, range 0-1000
--stylize <value> | varies Midjourney's influence, range 0-1000
--cref | character reference used for consistent characters
--cw <value> | character weight - 0-100 higher value changes character clothing/setting
--iw <value> | image weight - 0 - 3 value - higher value mimics the original image
--weird <value> | generate weird or strange images, range 0-3000
--chaos <value> | more varied grids, range 0-100
--no <item> | tells Midjourney to remove element
--quality <value> | soften/sharpen image, range .25-.5
--ar <aspect ratio> | sets aspect ratio, makes images square, portrait or landscape
 (1:2, 9:16, 2:3, 3:4, 5:6, 1:1, 6:5, 4:3, 3:2, 16:9, 2:1)
--tile | makes a repeatable image which can be tiled seamlessly
--niji 6 | adds anime visual styling

Example Prompt:

A sports action shot, a determined basketball player dribbling a basketball down the outdoor court, wearing a blue jogging suit, sunny summer day --ar 2:3 --style raw --s 300

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Punctuation

Double Colon (::) Separate concepts with a double colon (::) and assign weights to dictate their influence (prompt weighting) *Example: (house::2 Lawn::1)*

Double Hyphen (--) Use for parameters with no space after the second hyphen (see above)
Example: (--s 500)

Commas - The commas help to delineate each element in the prompt

Example: "**A futuristic city with tall buildings flying cars neon lights and people walking**"

- This prompt might generate a general image of a futuristic city with a mix of tall buildings, flying cars, neon lights, and people walking, but not necessarily highlighting each element distinctly.

-Prompt with Commas:

- "**A futuristic city with tall buildings, flying cars, neon lights, and people walking**"

-Expected Outcome: The commas help to delineate each element, resulting in an image where tall buildings, flying cars, neon lights, and people walking are all clearly defined and possibly given equal importance in the composition. This can lead to a more balanced and detailed representation of the scene.

Quotation Marks - Use quotation marks to include words in your image prompt - *Example; "HOT DOGS"* - *This will display an image that includes the words "Hot Dogs" where indicated.*

Permutation - Add lists of options separated with commas, within curly braces {} in your prompt, you can create multiple versions of a prompt with different combinations of those options.

Example: a {red, purple, white, black} balloon creates and processes four images with the respective color balloon.

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Try adding camera and film types to your prompts to give your images more emotion and authenticity.

Camera Types

- **Canon EOS R5**
 - Effect: High-resolution images with excellent detail and dynamic range.
 - Best Used For: Landscape, portrait, and studio photography.
- **Nikon Z7 II**
 - Effect: Sharp, vibrant images with superior autofocus performance.
 - Best Used For: Portrait, wildlife, and event photography.

Film Types



Fujifilm Pro 400H

Effect: Natural skin tones, fine grain, and balanced colors.



Polaroid SX-70 Film

Effect: Lower ISO with fine detail and soft colors, perfect for creative shots.



Fujifilm Acros 100

Effect: Sharp, fine-grain black and white images with rich contrast.



Ilford Delta 3200

Effect: High-speed black and white film with pronounced grain and excellent low-light performance.

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guide to creating photorealistic Images, go to
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- A Prompting Walk-Through
- Over 50 Pages of Photorealistic Prompt Resources
- 160+ Prompt Descriptors to Create Beautiful AI Images
- Includes Camera, Films, Camera Angles, Lighting Lists, Time Era Descriptors, Color and Character Descriptors
- 10 Ways to use AI Images for Professional Use, Personal Use AND MONETIZATION!
- 25 Ways to Monetize Photorealistic AI Images created with Midjourney