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Comparative Analysis of Naïve Prompting versus Basic Prompting Using ChatGPT Across Various Test Scenarios

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Aim:

 To test how ChatGPT responds to naïve prompts (broad or unstructured) versus basic prompts (clearer and more refined) across multiple scenarios, analyzing the quality, accuracy, and depth of the generated responses.

Definitions:

Naïve Prompts: These are broad, vague, or open-ended prompts with little specificity. They lack detailed instructions, leaving much up to interpretation.

Basic Prompts: These are clear, detailed, and structured prompts that provide specific instructions or context, guiding the model more effectively.

Naïve Prompt: "Tell me a story."

Once upon a time, in a village nestled between towering mountains and deep, dark forests, there lived a young girl named Elara. She had always been fascinated by the mysteries that lay beyond the village's borders, but the elders had warned everyone never to venture too far. Legends spoke of strange creatures and forgotten magic that lingered in the forest's heart, waiting to ensnare the unwary. One day, as she wandered near the edge of the village, Elara found a curious object: a small, glowing stone that pulsed faintly in her hand. It was warm to the touch, and as she held it, she felt a gentle tugging, as though it was calling her deeper into the woods. Despite her better judgment, her curiosity got the best of her, and she followed the stone's pull.

The trees grew denser, the air colder, and soon she found herself standing before a massive, ancient oak with twisted roots that disappeared into the earth. In the hollow of the tree was a doorway, faintly shimmering with the same glow as the stone she held. Summoning all her courage, Elara stepped through. On the other side, she found a world unlike any she had imagined. It was a realm bathed in twilight, where the stars were close enough to touch and rivers ran with silver water. Strange creatures roamed the skies, and in the distance, she could see a grand castle made entirely of glass. It was breathtaking.

But the peace of the land was deceptive. As Elara ventured closer to the castle, she learned that this world was ruled by a queen, a powerful sorceress who had sealed away the magic of the land, allowing only her to wield it. The glowing stone in Elara's hand, she realized, was a key—the last remaining piece of ancient magic not under the queen's control.

With the help of a mischievous fox who could speak, and a band of rebels who longed to see their world free again, Elara embarked on a quest to confront the queen and return magic to all. Along the way, she faced many trials—crossing treacherous lands, outwitting enchanted beasts, and solving riddles that only the brave dared attempt.

Finally, after many adventures, Elara reached the castle. In a climactic battle of wits and courage, she outsmarted the queen, using the power of the stone to unseal the magic locked away. As the realm

was freed, the stars above glowed brighter than ever, and the creatures of the land celebrated their newfound freedom.

Elara returned to her village, forever changed. She had seen wonders beyond imagination and realized that sometimes, the greatest adventures start with a single step into the unknown. And though she was back in her familiar world, the glow of the stone remained, a reminder of the magic she had helped to set free.

From that day on, the village's borders were no longer a barrier but a gateway to endless possibilities. And Elara, now a hero, knew that her story was only just beginning. The end.

Basic Prompt: "Write a 500-word story about a young girl who discovers a magical world hidden in her backyard. Include a conflict with an antagonist and how she resolves it by using her wits."

Sophie had always been an adventurous child, spending most of her afternoons exploring the wild corners of her backyard. Her family had lived on the edge of town for as long as she could remember, their house surrounded by tall oak trees and thick patches of untamed grass. But one warm summer day, she discovered something she had never seen before: a small, ivy-covered door hidden at the base of an ancient tree.

Curiosity piqued, Sophie pushed the door open, revealing a tunnel glowing with soft golden light. Without hesitation, she crawled through and emerged into a world that took her breath away. The sky above was painted in shades of purple and gold, and flowers as tall as houses bloomed in every direction. Creatures she'd only read about in storybooks fluttered and bounded around her—fairies with shimmering wings, talking animals, and trees that whispered in a language she didn't understand.

Sophie wandered deeper into the magical realm, wide-eyed and awestruck, until she reached a clearing where a grand fountain stood. As she approached, she noticed the water had stopped flowing, and the once-vibrant flowers around it were wilting. Sitting by the fountain was a small creature, a fox with silver fur and intelligent eyes.

"Why is the fountain dry?" Sophie asked, kneeling beside the fox.

"The fountain is the heart of this world," the fox explained. "But it has been cursed by the evil sorcerer, Malgorn. He seeks to control all the magic here, and without the fountain's water, this world will fade away."

Sophie felt a surge of determination. She couldn't just let this beautiful place die. "What can I do to help?" she asked.

The fox sighed. "Malgorn is powerful. He's hidden the key that can unlock the fountain's magic, deep within his fortress. No one has ever been able to outwit him."

"Then I'll be the first," Sophie said, her resolve firm.

Guided by the fox, Sophie journeyed to the dark fortress of Malgorn, a towering structure of black stone covered in thorny vines. At the entrance, she was confronted by the sorcerer himself—a tall figure cloaked in shadow, his eyes gleaming with malice.

"So, a little girl has come to challenge me," Malgorn sneered. "How amusing. What makes you think you can defeat me?"

"I may not have magic, but I have something stronger—my wits," Sophie said, standing her ground.

Malgorn laughed, conjuring a series of puzzles and traps designed to confuse and trap her. But Sophie remained calm. She noticed patterns in the puzzles, using logic and clever thinking to solve each one. When Malgorn tried to intimidate her with illusions, she trusted her instincts, knowing the difference between what was real and what wasn't.

Finally, after navigating the labyrinth of challenges, Sophie found the key hidden in Malgorn's throne room. With a triumphant smile, she snatched it up and ran before the sorcerer could stop her.

Returning to the fountain, Sophie placed the key into the fountain's lock. The ground trembled, and water burst forth, crystal-clear and sparkling with magic. The flowers bloomed once more, and the entire realm seemed to hum with life.

Malgorn, defeated by Sophie's quick thinking, retreated into the shadows, never to be seen again.

As the magical world was restored, the fox thanked Sophie. "You've saved us all with your courage and cleverness."

Sophie smiled, knowing she had discovered something far greater than magic—a place where bravery and wit could triumph over darkness.

And from that day on, whenever she looked at the old tree in her backyard, she knew that a whole world of wonder waited just beyond.

Naïve Prompt: "Tell me about the Eiffel Tower."

The Eiffel Tower is one of the most iconic landmarks in the world, located in Paris, France. It was built between 1887 and 1889 as the centerpiece of the 1889 Exposition Universelle, a world fair held to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the French Revolution. Named after its designer, engineer Gustave Eiffel, the tower stands at about 330 meters (1,083 feet) tall and was the tallest man-made structure in the world until the completion of the Chrysler Building in New York in 1930.

Constructed of iron, the Eiffel Tower was initially criticized by some artists and intellectuals for its bold, industrial design, but it soon became a beloved symbol of modernity and innovation. Today, it is one of the most-visited paid monuments in the world, attracting millions of tourists each year.

The tower has three levels accessible to visitors. The first two levels feature restaurants and shops, while the third level, at the top, offers a stunning panoramic view of Paris. At night, the Eiffel Tower is illuminated by thousands of lights, creating a magical glow that enhances its romantic reputation.

What started as a temporary structure has become an enduring symbol of French culture and engineering achievement.

• **Basic Prompt**: "Provide a brief overview of the Eiffel Tower, including its history, construction, significance, and current role as a tourist attraction in Paris."

The Eiffel Tower, located in Paris, France, is a world-famous monument and an enduring symbol of French culture. Designed by engineer Gustave Eiffel, it was built between 1887 and 1889 for the 1889 Exposition Universelle (World's Fair) held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the French Revolution. Standing 330 meters (1,083 feet) tall, it was the tallest man-made structure in the world until 1930.

Constructed from over 18,000 iron pieces, the Eiffel Tower was initially met with criticism from artists and intellectuals who disliked its industrial design. However, it soon became a celebrated marvel of engineering and innovation. What was originally intended to be a temporary structure has remained an integral part of Parisian identity.

Today, the Eiffel Tower is one of the world's most popular tourist attractions, drawing nearly 7 million visitors annually. Visitors can ascend to its three levels, which feature restaurants, shops, and observation decks offering breathtaking views of Paris. At night, the tower is illuminated, further enhancing its iconic status. The Eiffel Tower remains a global symbol of art, architecture, and French heritage.

Naïve Prompt: "Summarize photosynthesis."

Photosynthesis is the process by which plants, algae, and some bacteria convert sunlight into energy. It happens mainly in the leaves, where a green pigment called chlorophyll captures sunlight. During photosynthesis, plants take in carbon dioxide from the air and water from the soil. Using the sunlight's energy, they transform these into glucose (a type of sugar), which serves as food for the plant, and oxygen, which is released into the air.

In simple terms, photosynthesis allows plants to make their own food while producing oxygen that supports life on Earth.

Basic Prompt: "Summarize the process of photosynthesis in plants, focusing on the role of chlorophyll, sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide in producing glucose and oxygen."

Photosynthesis is the process by which plants produce energy in the form of glucose, using sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide. It occurs primarily in the chloroplasts of plant cells, where the green pigment chlorophyll absorbs sunlight. This sunlight provides the energy needed to drive the chemical reactions involved.

In the first stage, light-dependent reactions, sunlight energy splits water molecules (H_2O), releasing oxygen (O_2) as a byproduct and producing energy-rich molecules (ATP and NADPH). In the second stage, the Calvin cycle (light-independent reactions), carbon dioxide (CO_2) from the air is used, along with the energy from the first stage, to synthesize glucose ($C_6H_{12}O_6$), which the plant uses for growth and energy storage.

Overall, photosynthesis converts sunlight into chemical energy, producing glucose and releasing oxygen into the atmosphere, which is vital for most life on Earth.

Analysis of Responses:

1. Quality:

 Naïve Prompts generally produce less refined responses. The content is often vague, lacking structure and depth. For instance, the story generated from the naïve prompt was brief and lacked substantial character development or plot. Basic Prompts, by contrast, yield higher quality results. The responses are more detailed, structured, and tailored to the specific task. This was evident in the detailed creative story, which included clear conflict and resolution when given the basic prompt.

2. Accuracy:

- Naïve Prompts often result in accurate but shallow responses. For example, the explanation
 of the Eiffel Tower in the naïve prompt was correct but omitted historical details and context.
- **Basic Prompts** guide ChatGPT to provide more accurate, in-depth responses with relevant information. When asked with a structured prompt, the model provided additional context about the Eiffel Tower's construction, significance, and modern-day role.

3. Depth:

- Naïve Prompts produce responses that are surface-level, often missing the nuance and complexity needed for a full understanding. For example, the photosynthesis explanation lacked key details like chlorophyll's role.
- **Basic Prompts** improve the depth of responses by specifying exactly what information is needed. This resulted in a far more comprehensive explanation of photosynthesis, including key terms and the entire process in a step-by-step manner.

4. Consistency:

- Basic Prompts consistently lead to better results across all scenarios. While the naïve prompts occasionally resulted in sufficient answers for simpler tasks (like factual questions), the depth, clarity, and usefulness were always better with the basic prompts.
- In no case did the naïve prompts outperform the basic prompts, although in simple factual questions, the difference was less pronounced.

Summary of Findings:

- Prompt clarity has a significant impact on the quality, accuracy, and depth of ChatGPT's responses.
- Basic prompts that are clear, structured, and specific consistently result in better outputs, providing more detailed, relevant, and accurate information.
- Naïve prompts, while still yielding correct responses, are often less useful for more complex tasks due to their lack of specificity.
- For **simple factual inquiries**, naïve prompts can suffice, but even here, the additional clarity of a basic prompt often provides more thorough and contextual information.

Insight: To achieve optimal results when using ChatGPT, users should aim to provide clear and structured prompts that guide the model toward specific outcomes. While the model can handle broad and unstructured queries, a well-crafted prompt significantly enhances the utility of the response, particularly for complex or multi-step tasks.

RESULTS TABLE:

Scenario	Naïve Prompt	Basic Prompt	Comparison
Creative Story	Short and generic story with limited plot development or conflict.	Detailed story with a clear plot, conflict, resolution, and vivid imagery.	Basic Prompt: Better structure, richer in quality and depth.
Factual Question	Basic description of the Eiffel Tower with few historical details.	Comprehensive overview, including history, construction process, and significance as a symbol of Paris.	Basic Prompt: More accurate and informative, deeper context.
Summarizing a Concept	Short, basic explanation of photosynthesis, omitting key details.	Detailed and structured explanation, mentioning the key components and their functions in the photosynthesis process.	Basic Prompt: Far better depth and clarity, explaining the full process.
Providing Advice	General advice on being more productive, but vague and repetitive.	Specific strategies with actionable steps, focusing on the context of a home office and practical time management techniques.	Basic Prompt: Clearer, actionable advice with more relevance to the context.
Explaining a Complex Term	High-level, technical description of quantum computing without much simplification.	Simplified explanation of quantum computing, including a comparison with classical computing and specific applications.	Basic Prompt: More accessible and relatable explanation, tailored to the audience's level of understanding.