Prompt Troubleshooting Guide

Fixing Weak Prompts for Better Results

Purpose

This guide helps you fix weak prompts and improve results.

Problem 1. Output Is Vague

Cause: Prompt lacks detail or context.
Fix: Add a clear goal. Add audience and format.

Revised Prompt:

Result:

Problem 2. Output Misses the Point

Cause: Prompt does not state what matters.
Fix: Name the key focus. State constraints.

Revised Prompt:

Result:

Problem 3. Output Changes Tone

Cause: Prompt does not define style.
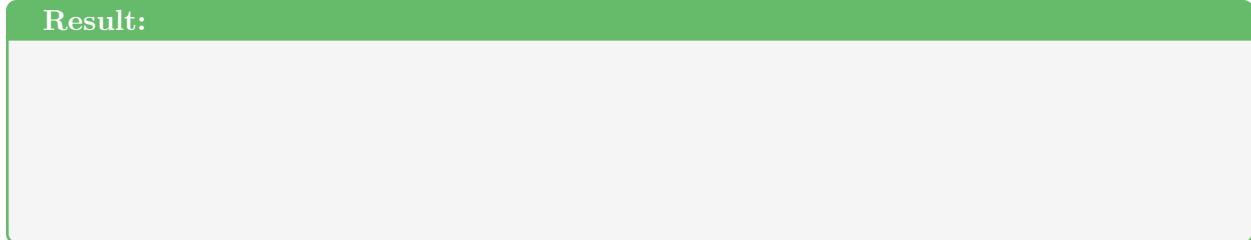**Fix:** Describe tone. Provide a sample line.

Revised Prompt:

Result:

Problem 4. Output Includes Wrong Facts

Cause: Prompt encourages confident guessing.
Fix: Ask for uncertainty notes. Ask for citations or limits.
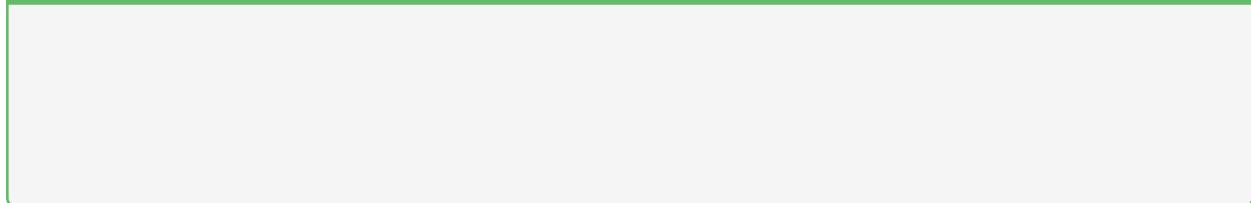
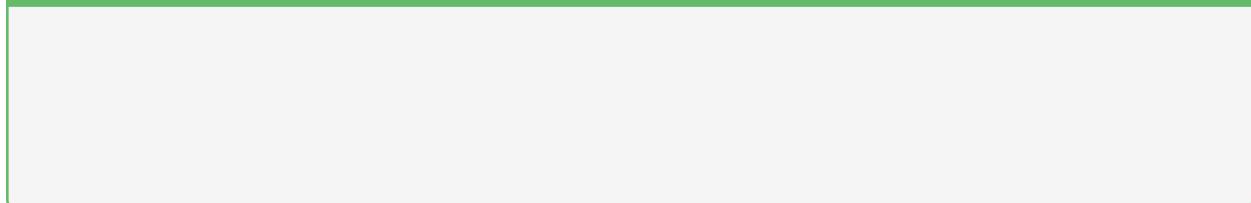**Revised Prompt:**

Result:

Reflection

What fix worked best:

What pattern repeats:

What you will try next: