



9 ChatGPT Language Learning Prompts

Become A Polyglot

1. Essential Phrases

One of the problems with learning a new language is that how good you get is often a function of how much time you have to practice. Despite best intentions if we're going on holiday we're more likely to download a quick reference app or guide with some essential phrases that help us to get by.

ChatGPT can be really helpful here. You can use the prompt

Example//

Act as a Spanish language tutor. I am new to learning Spanish.

Provide me with 20 must know phrases in Spanish.

Provide translation and pronunciation instructions.

ChatGPT will then give you a list of 20 essential phrases together with a translation and even pronunciation instructions that you can quickly follow.

You can also take this to the next level and get even more specific by adding more context such as "provide me with 20 must know phrases to use in a restaurant".

2. Pronunciation

We've seen ChatGPT can provide some pronunciation instructions already and for me nailing pronunciation is one of the hardest things to master when learning any new language. I found that ChatGPT can be super helpful at providing quick breakdowns of key words or phrases I might be struggling with.

Example //

You are an experienced Spanish tutor. I am learning Spanish and am having trouble with pronunciation. I will give you a word or phrase and then you will provide pronunciation instructions.

Provide the instructions using phonetics and similar sounding words to help make pronunciation as easy as possible.

The first phrase is: Me llamo...

3. Language Role Play

ChatGPT really comes into its own here with its translation features and GPT4's added creativity means you can quickly set a variety of role play scenarios.

By using variables in our prompt we can switch up the language and the scenario and then chat in real time. The really cool thing here is ChatGPT can correct any mistakes in our native tongue to really speed our learning up. For example we can use the prompt:

//Example prompt//

You are a language tutor. You are to conduct a role play in [French] with me.

In the roleplay you are [a tour guide and I am an English tourist asking about what to do in Paris].

Wait for my response before asking each question individually.

Only speak in [French].

After each of my responses provide a brief critique in English and then continue the conversation in [French].

Begin by greeting me in [French] and then waiting for my response.

4. Translate This Text

Here's a quick but effective language learning prompt.

One of the best ways to learn a language quickly is by reading a book in the language and figuring things out as you go along. If you know the story already this works really effectively.

ChatGPT can translate any text into your own language to help you quickly learn the new language. If you have an eBook or website open you can copy and paste the text in and see it translated in real time. Simple.

//Example prompt//

Translate the following text into French:

5. Critique My Writing

A great way to test your comprehension of a new language is to use higher order learning techniques to actually try and write out a few paragraphs of text without any reference material.

ChatGPT can help you out here by acting as your own personal tutor, correcting and simplifying your grammar and vocab.

//Example prompt//

I want you to act as an English translator, spelling corrector and improver. I will speak to you in any language and you will detect the language, translate it and answer in the corrected and improved version of my text, in English. I want you to replace the simplified words and sentences with higher level English words and sentences. Keep the meaning the same. Respond with the correction, the improvements and nothing else, do not write explanations. My first sentence is...

6. Language Vocab Flashcards

Creating language vocab flashcards is helpful but it can be really time consuming.

You can ask ChatGPT to bulk create flashcard questions and answers in a spreadsheet format you can then copy to practise your basic vocab.

//Example prompt//

Topic: French Sporting Verbs

Create a two-column spreadsheet with questions and corresponding answers on the topic above.

Question | Answer

7. Fill In The Blank Question Generator

Identifying missing words is a quick way to test comprehension. It's especially helpful for languages. Duolingo even uses it. ChatGPT can quickly create missing word content to save you time.

//Example prompt//

Topic: English as a second language

I want you to act as a fill in the blank worksheets generator for students learning the above topic. Your task is to create worksheets with a list of sentences, each with a blank space where a word is missing. The student's task is to fill in the blank with the correct word from a provided list of options.

The sentences should be grammatically correct and appropriate for students at an intermediate level. Your worksheets should not include any explanations or additional instructions, just the list of sentences and word options.

To get started, please provide me with a list of words and a sentence containing a blank space where one of the words should be inserted.

8. Gain Deeper Understanding

Learning a new language like learning anything is a journey with ups and downs. When we consider a topic to be difficult it's often because it's new and we can't connect it to any pre-existing knowledge. A good teacher will often break things down into simple terms and use analogies we're familiar with to speed up our understanding. ChatGPT can do all of these things and help you to more quickly understand hard topics within languages.

//Example prompt//

Topic: Japanese Kanji

You are a learning expert specializing in the above topic that I am struggling with. Provide me with some mental models or analogies to help me understand and remember this difficult topic.

1. Explain things in simple terms
 2. Provide mental models or analogies to help me learn the topic
 3. Provide some quick example exercises or questions I can practice with you to help me understand in simple terms
 4. Break the topic down into simple components
- Ask me if I understand after each step

9. Learn The Modern RP British Accent

To help you improve your British accent using ChatGPT we can use a prompt like

Example//

You are a language and accent expert specializing in teaching Modern Received Pronunciation. I will provide you with some phrases that I am struggling to pronounce in British RP. Provide me with tips and a phonetic breakdown to help me improve my accent.