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Claude Desktop for Real Estate Agents

A comprehensive guide for real estate professionals who want to use AI to work smarter, close more deals, and reclaim hours every week.

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About This Guide

This guide is for real estate professionals who have dabbled with AI tools but want to go deeper. You already have Claude Desktop installed and a subscription. You're ready to move beyond casual questions and start integrating Claude into your actual work.

By the end of this guide, you'll know how to:

- Navigate Claude Desktop's interface with confidence
- Organize ongoing work using Projects (Claude's most powerful feature)
- Write prompts that get you useful results the first time
- Apply Claude to 12+ common real estate workflows with detailed examples
- Upload and analyze documents like inspection reports, CMAs, and contracts
- Build your own prompt library and reusable templates
- Chain multiple prompts together for complex tasks
- Avoid the mistakes that make AI output feel generic or unusable
- Create systems that save you 5-10+ hours every week

This isn't a theoretical guide. Every prompt, every example, every tip comes from real workflows that work. Let's get started.

Part 1: Getting Oriented

The Claude Desktop Interface

When you open Claude Desktop, you'll see a clean chat interface. Here's what matters:

The conversation area takes up most of the screen. This is where you and Claude exchange messages. Unlike some AI tools, Claude maintains context throughout a conversation—it remembers what you discussed earlier in the same chat.

The input field at the bottom is where you type your messages. You can write as much or as little as you need. Claude handles everything from one-line questions to multi-paragraph requests with attached documents.

The sidebar (left side) shows your conversation history. Past conversations are saved automatically and searchable. Click any past conversation to continue where you left off.

The attachment button (paperclip icon) lets you upload files. Claude can read PDFs, Word documents, images, spreadsheets, and more. This is often more useful than copying and pasting text—especially for multi-page documents.

The model selector lets you choose which version of Claude to use. For most real estate work, the default model works great. More advanced models are available for complex analysis tasks.

Key Settings to Know

Click your profile icon (bottom-left) to access settings. Here are the ones that matter most for real estate professionals:

Memory

Memory lets Claude remember details about you across conversations. This is incredibly useful for real estate work. Once enabled, Claude can remember:

- Your market area and typical price points
- Your communication style preferences
- Your brokerage name and branding guidelines
- Recurring client situations
- Your transaction coordinator's name
- The way you like emails structured

To set it up, simply tell Claude things you want it to remember:

> "Remember that I specialize in the Westside neighborhoods of Austin, primarily working with first-time buyers in the $300K-$500K range. My brokerage is Austin Home Realty. I prefer emails to be warm and conversational, never corporate or salesy. My transaction coordinator is Maria and my preferred title company is Capital Title on 5th Street."

Claude will confirm what it's storing. Over time, this compounds—Claude becomes increasingly useful as it learns your preferences.

Tip: Periodically review what Claude has memorized by asking "What do you remember about me?" You can ask it to forget specific things ("Forget my old brokerage name") or update outdated information ("Update my price range to $350K-$600K").

Web Search

When enabled, Claude can search the internet for current information. Useful for:

- Checking recent market news and interest rate changes
- Looking up school ratings and test scores
- Researching neighborhood amenities for listing descriptions
- Finding recent news about major employers in your area
- Verifying business hours for local recommendations

File Creation

This lets Claude generate downloadable files—Word documents, spreadsheets, PDFs. Useful for creating polished client deliverables directly from your conversation:

- Market reports formatted professionally
- Comparison spreadsheets for multiple offers
- Checklists and guides for clients

Keyboard Shortcuts

Worth learning if you use Claude frequently:

Shortcut	Action
`Cmd/Ctrl + N`	Start new conversation
`Cmd/Ctrl + Shift + C`	Copy Claude's last response
`Cmd/Ctrl + /`	Open keyboard shortcut list
`Cmd/Ctrl + Shift + O`	Open file picker
`Cmd/Ctrl + Enter`	Send message (alternative to clicking)

Understanding Context and Conversations

One concept that trips up new users: **Claude's memory only works within a single conversation** (unless you enable the Memory feature for cross-conversation recall, or use Projects).

This means:

- If you describe a property in detail in one conversation, Claude won't know about it in a new conversation
- Long conversations maintain better context than starting fresh each time
- For ongoing client work, use Projects (covered in Part 2) to maintain persistent context

Tip: When working on something complex, stay in the same conversation rather than starting new ones. You can always say "Let's switch topics" within a conversation—Claude handles that fine. I often have a single conversation running for an entire day's work, switching between tasks as needed.

Understanding Context Length

Claude can handle very long conversations, but there are limits. If you notice Claude forgetting things from earlier in a very long conversation, it may be hitting context limits. Solutions:

- Summarize key points periodically: "Let's recap what we've established about the Johnson buyer situation before we continue"
- Move ongoing work to a Project where files provide persistent context
- Start a fresh conversation with a summary of what matters

Part 2: Projects — Your Real Estate Command Center

Projects are Claude's most powerful feature for professionals, yet most users never discover them. If you learn nothing else from this guide, learn Projects.

What Projects Do

A Project is a dedicated workspace for a specific ongoing effort. Think of it as giving Claude a dedicated briefcase for one client or initiative. When you create a Project, you can:

- **Add reference files** that Claude can access anytime within that Project
- **Write custom instructions** that apply to every conversation in that Project
- **Keep conversations organized** around a single topic
- **Maintain context** across multiple chat sessions

Why Projects Matter for Real Estate

Without Projects, every time you start a conversation, you're starting from zero. You'd need to re-explain your client's situation, re-upload their wish list, re-describe the properties you've shown them.

With Projects, you set up the context once. Every conversation within that Project has access to that foundation.

The math: If setting up a client takes 5 minutes of explanation each time, and you message about that client 20 times over a transaction, that's 100 minutes wasted. Projects eliminate this entirely.

Real Estate Project Examples

Project Type 1: Active Buyer Client

Create a Project for each serious buyer client. Include:

- Their buyer consultation notes or wish list
- Pre-approval letter (or just the key numbers)
- Notes from previous showings
- Neighborhoods they're interested in
- Deal-breakers and must-haves
- Their communication preferences
- Important dates (lease ending, school enrollment deadlines)

Files to upload:

- Buyer questionnaire/consultation form
- Pre-approval letter
- Any wish list or criteria document they've shared
- Notes from showings (can be a running doc you update)

Sample Project instructions:

```
This Project is for my work with Mike and Sarah Chen, first-time
homebuyers.

Context:
- Budget: $450K-$525K (pre-approved for $550K but want to stay lower)
- Target areas: Westside and Riverside neighborhoods
- Must-haves: 3+ bedrooms, 2+ baths, good school district (kids are 5
and 8)
- Nice-to-haves: Updated kitchen, backyard for kids, home office
space
- Deal-breakers: Busy roads, homes needing major work, HOA over
$200/month
- Timeline: Want to be moved in by August for school year
- Their jobs: Mike is a software engineer (works remote), Sarah is a
nurse at St. David's (7am shifts, short commute matters)
- Personality: Analytical, need data to make decisions, Sarah is more
emotional about the "feel" of a home, both are anxious about the
process

Communication style:
- They prefer detailed explanations over brief updates
- Mike likes bullet points and numbers
- Sarah likes to know the "story" of a home
- They respond better to education than pressure
- Don't use urgency tactics—it stresses them out

When I share listings or ask for summaries, highlight:
- Family-friendly features
- School information
- Commute times to St. David's South and to downtown (Mike's
occasional office)
- Flag any concerns proactively before they ask
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When drafting emails, keep them warm and supportive—not salesy.
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Project Type 2: Active Listing

Create a Project for each listing. Include:

- Property details (beds, baths, sqft, features, condition notes)
- Seller's goals, timeline, and motivation
- Pricing strategy and CMA data
- Showing feedback as it comes in
- Marketing materials you've created
- Professional photos (Claude can reference these)

Project Type 3: Geographic Farm

If you farm a specific neighborhood, create a Project for it:

- Demographic information
- Recent sales data (update monthly)
- Neighborhood highlights (schools, parks, restaurants, amenities)
- Past marketing materials and social posts
- Common buyer profiles for the area
- Local news and developments

Project Type 4: Sphere Marketing

Create a Project for your sphere of influence marketing:

- Your personal story and brand voice
- Content calendar and themes
- Past posts that performed well
- Information about your sphere (past clients, friends, family categories)

Project Type 5: Transaction in Progress

For complex transactions, create a dedicated Project:

- Contract and all addenda
- Timeline and key dates
- All parties' contact information
- Communication history
- Issues and resolutions

Creating Your First Project

1. Click "Projects" in the sidebar
2. Click "New Project"
3. Give it a clear, specific name (e.g., "Chen Buyers - Austin Westside" not just "Buyers")
4. Add your reference files (PDFs, docs, images)
5. Write your Project instructions
6. Start chatting

Advanced Project Tips

Tip 1: Update instructions as situations evolve

After showing homes, update the instructions: "Update: They've now seen 8 homes. They loved 742 Maple (colonial, big backyard) but kitchen was too small. 89 Pine was great layout but busy street. They're getting frustrated with inventory."

Tip 2: Use conversation titles within Projects

Name your conversations within a Project: "Marketing content," "Seller updates," "Pricing discussion." This makes it easy to find past work.

Tip 3: Upload showing feedback as a running document

Keep a simple doc that you update after each showing:

```
SHOWING FEEDBACK - Chen Buyers


1/15 - 742 Maple St
+ Loved backyard, natural light, neighborhood feel
- Kitchen too cramped, couldn't envision hosting
? Would they consider if we could estimate kitchen reno cost?


1/15 - 89 Pine Rd
+ Great floor plan, loved the primary suite
- Both commented on traffic noise immediately
X Ruled out


[etc.]
```

Upload the updated version periodically. Now Claude has full context on their journey.

Tip 4: Create template instructions

Once you've written good instructions for one buyer client, save them as a template. For your next buyer, copy and customize—don't start from scratch.

Tip 5: Archive completed Projects

When a transaction closes, you can archive the Project. The information is preserved if you need to reference it later (for testimonials, anniversary follow-ups, or if they become repeat clients).

Part 3: Uploading and Working with Files

One of Claude's most practical features for real estate is the ability to upload and analyze documents. This goes far beyond copying and pasting text.

What You Can Upload

Claude can read and understand:

- **PDFs** — MLS sheets, inspection reports, disclosures, contracts, appraisals, title documents
- **Word documents** — Contracts, agreements, listing presentations, letters
- **Images** — Photos of documents, property photos, floor plans, handwritten notes
- **Spreadsheets** — Comp data exports, client lists, transaction trackers
- **Text files** — Notes, templates, any plain text

How to Upload

Click the paperclip icon in the input field, or drag and drop files directly into the chat. You can upload multiple files at once.

Tip: When uploading, tell Claude what the document is and what you want: "This is the inspection report for 123 Oak Street. Summarize the major issues I need to discuss with my buyers."

Real Estate Document Examples

Inspection Reports

Inspection reports are often 30-50 pages. Claude can summarize them in seconds.

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This is a home inspection report for a property my buyers are under
contract on. The home was built in 1987.

Please provide:

1. CRITICAL ITEMS: Anything marked as safety hazard, needs immediate
attention, or recommend specialist evaluation

2. MAJOR SYSTEMS SUMMARY:
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    - Roof: Age, condition, estimated remaining life
    - HVAC: Age, condition, any concerns
    - Electrical: Panel type/size, any issues
    - Plumbing: Pipe material, water heater age, any concerns
    - Foundation: Any signs of issues

3. NEGOTIATION POINTS: Items that might warrant asking for repairs or
credits, with rough cost estimates if mentioned

4. MAINTENANCE ITEMS: Things that aren't urgent but the buyers should
plan for

5. RED FLAGS: Anything that would concern you about this home's
condition

Format this as a briefing I can review before calling my buyers
tonight. They're first-time buyers and will be anxious—help me
identify what's actually concerning vs. normal wear for a 1987 home.
```

CMA / Comp Analysis

Upload your MLS comp export and get analysis:

```
This is a CMA I pulled for a potential listing at 456 Elm Street
(4BR/2.5BA, 2,400 sqft, built 2005, updated kitchen, original baths,
good condition overall).

Based on these comps, please provide:

1. Price per square foot range across the comps
2. Which 3 comps are most similar to the subject property and why
3. Adjustments I should consider (age, condition, updates, lot size,
etc.)
4. Suggested list price range with rationale
5. Two ways I could explain this to sellers who want to list $30K
higher

Note: The subject property's kitchen was fully updated in 2022 (about
$45K spent). Two of the comps appear to have original kitchens.
```

Seller Disclosures

Upload the seller's disclosure to prepare for buyer questions:

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Review this seller's disclosure for my buyer clients. They're under
contract and about to do their inspection.

Please identify:
1. Any past issues that were repaired—I want to make sure inspection
covers these areas
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2. Anything marked "unknown" that seems like it should be known
3. Items that might warrant follow-up questions to the sellers
4. Anything my buyers should be aware of before we proceed
5. Any discrepancies or vague answers that concern you

My buyers are detail-oriented and will read this carefully—help me
anticipate their questions.
```

Multiple Offers Comparison

When you have multiple offers, upload them all:

```
I have 4 offers on my listing at 892 Oak Drive (listed at $525,000).
I've uploaded all four.

Please create a comparison that includes:
1. Summary table: Price, down payment %, financing type, earnest
money, contingencies, closing date, other terms
2. Estimated net to seller for each (assume 6% total commission and
$15K estimated closing costs)
3. Risk assessment for each offer (financing likelihood, contingency
concerns)
4. My recommendation for which to accept, counter, or reject—and why
5. Talking points for presenting this to my sellers

The sellers' priorities: Highest net proceeds, but they're also
nervous about deals falling through. They can be flexible on closing
date between 30-45 days.
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Tips for Better File Analysis

Be Specific About What You Want

Instead of: "Look at this inspection report" Say: "Review this inspection report and list anything that would cost over $1,000 to repair, plus anything that affects safety or insurability"

Provide Context Claude Doesn't Have

Instead of: "What do you think of these comps?" Say: "What do you think of these comps? The subject property has a pool (none of the comps do), a finished basement (only one comp has one), and backs to a greenbelt."

Ask for Specific Formats

Instead of: "Summarize this" Say: "Summarize this in bullet points I can paste into an email" or "Summarize this as talking points I can use on a phone call"

Upload Related Documents Together

When analyzing a deal, upload all relevant docs at once: "Here's the inspection report, the seller's disclosure, and the appraisal. Are there any inconsistencies between them?"

Tip: If a PDF isn't reading correctly (common with scanned documents), try taking clear photos of the pages and uploading the images instead. Phone cameras are usually good enough.

Part 4: Prompt Fundamentals

The difference between a frustrating AI experience and a productive one usually comes down to how you ask. This section will make you a prompting expert.

The Core Principle

Think of prompting like delegating to a capable new team member. They're smart and capable, but they don't know:

- Your specific situation
- Your client's personality
- Your market's quirks
- Your preferred style
- What you've already tried

Your job is to provide that context efficiently.

The Prompt Framework

Every good prompt has some combination of these elements:

Element	What It Does	Example
Context	Background Claude needs	"I'm a real estate agent preparing for a listing presentation with a skeptical seller..."
Task	What you want done	"Write a follow-up email..."
Details	Specific information	"The sellers are a divorcing couple who need to sell within 60 days..."
Format	How to structure output	"Format as bullet points I can glance at during the call..."
Constraints	Limits or requirements	"Keep it under 150 words, warm but professional tone..."
Examples	What good looks like	"Here's an email I wrote that worked well..."

You don't need all six every time. Simple requests need less context. Complex requests need more.

The Context Spectrum

Here's how to think about how much context to provide:

Minimal Context (simple tasks)

> "Write a short email confirming a showing at 2pm tomorrow at 123 Oak Street"

Moderate Context (standard tasks)

> "Write a follow-up email to buyers after showing them 4 homes yesterday. They liked the colonial on Maple Street but worried about the small kitchen. Keep it encouraging but not pushy. 150 words."

Full Context (complex tasks)

> "Write a follow-up email to my first-time buyer clients, the Nguyens. They're analytical, ask lots of questions, and are feeling overwhelmed by the process. We saw 4 homes yesterday:
>
> - 742 Maple St: They loved the backyard and neighborhood feel, but the kitchen felt cramped. Mrs. Nguyen said 'I just can't see myself cooking Thanksgiving dinner in there.'
> - 89 Pine Rd: Great floor plan, but they both immediately noticed traffic noise
> - 203 Oak Ave: Immediate no—too much work needed
> - 567 Birch Lane: Liked it but felt it was overpriced
>
> I want to acknowledge their reactions, suggest we revisit Maple Street (the kitchen could be opened up in a renovation), and mention I'm sending 2 new listings this afternoon. End with encouragement—we're getting closer. They respond well to data and logic, so maybe mention how many homes the average buyer sees before finding 'the one.'
>
> Warm, supportive tone. Not salesy. 175-200 words."

The Art of Iteration

Claude rarely nails complex requests on the first try—and that's fine. Treat the first response as a draft to refine. Professional writers do multiple drafts; this is no different.

Effective Iteration Phrases:

Adjusting length:

- "Cut that in half while keeping the key points"
- "Expand the second paragraph—I need more detail there"
- "Too long. Give me the 3-sentence version"

Adjusting tone:

- "Too formal. Make it sound like a text to a friend."
- "Too casual. More professional."
- "This sounds like a robot wrote it. Make it sound human."
- "Add more warmth—this feels cold"

Adjusting content:

- "Good structure, but add a mention of [specific thing]"
- "Keep paragraphs 1 and 3, rewrite paragraph 2 to focus on [topic]"
- "Remove the part about [X]—that's not relevant"

Requesting alternatives:

- "Give me 3 variations of that opening line"
- "I don't love any of these. Try a completely different approach."

Power-User Prompting Techniques

Technique 1: Give Examples of What You Like

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Here's a listing description I wrote last month that got a lot of
engagement and multiple showing requests:

[paste your example]

Write a description for my new listing in a similar style. The
property is:
[details]
```

Technique 2: Specify What to Avoid

```
Write a listing description. Avoid these phrases that I think are
overused or meaningless:
- "must see" / "won't last long" / "priced to sell"
- "dream home" / "charming" (code for small/old)
- "motivated seller" (hurts negotiating position)
```

Technique 3: Ask for Multiple Options

```
Give me 3 different opening lines for this email:
- One that's straightforward and direct
- One that leads with empathy
- One that leads with exciting news

I'll pick the one that fits my mood.
```

Technique 4: Request Specific Structure

```
Structure this email as:
- Hook (1 sentence to get them reading)
- Context (2-3 sentences on the situation)
- Recommendation (what I think they should do)
- Next step (specific call to action)
- Sign-off (warm but professional)
```

Technique 5: Have Claude Explain Its Choices

```
Draft this email, and then explain why you made the choices you did—
word choice, structure, tone. I'm trying to improve my own writing.
```

Technique 6: Role-Play for Practice

```
I have a listing appointment tomorrow with skeptical sellers who
think they can sell FSBO.

Role-play as the sellers. Push back on what I say, ask tough
questions about commission, and be skeptical of my value proposition.
After a few exchanges, give me feedback on how I handled it.

I'll start: "Thanks for having me over. I know you've been thinking
about selling on your own—tell me what's appealing about that
approach."
```

Part 5: Claude for Real Estate — Use Cases in Depth

Now let's apply everything to common real estate scenarios. Each use case includes the situation, detailed prompts, what to expect, variations, and pro tips.

Use Case 1: Writing Listing Descriptions

Every listing needs compelling copy, but writing fresh descriptions for each property is time-consuming. Claude can generate multiple versions tailored to different platforms and audiences in seconds.

When to Use This

- New listing needs descriptions for MLS, Zillow, social media, and print
- Refreshing a stale listing's marketing language
- Creating variations for different buyer personas
- Writing for different price points (luxury requires different language)

Full Prompt Template:

```
Write listing descriptions for this property:

Address: [address]
Price: $[price]
Beds/Baths: [X BR / X BA]
Square feet: [sqft]
Lot size: [size]
Year built: [year]
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Garage: [details]

Key features and updates:
- [feature 1 with year if updated]
- [feature 2]
- [etc.]

Condition notes: [honest assessment]

Neighborhood: [subdivision/area name]
- [amenity 1]
- [amenity 2]
- Commute: [distances to key locations]

Schools:
- Elementary: [name, rating if known]
- Middle: [name, rating if known]
- High: [name, rating if known]

Target buyer: [who would love this home]

What makes this property special: [unique selling points]

What to downplay or avoid: [anything to not emphasize]

Give me these versions:
1. MLS description (250 words max, factual but engaging)
2. Zillow/Realtor.com (150 words, lifestyle-focused)
3. Instagram caption (50 words max with emoji)
4. Facebook post (75 words, encourage shares)
5. Email to my buyer database (100 words, personal tone)
6. Broker tour invite (50 words, focus on easy sell)

Avoid: [list any phrases/clichés to skip]
```

Pro Tips:

- Always include school information—it affects SEO and is the first question buyers ask
- Mention recent updates with years ("kitchen renovated 2023") for credibility
- For negatives, use positive framing: "cozy backyard perfect for low-maintenance living"
- Request versions for different buyer types: first-time vs. move-up buyers

Use Case 2: Client Email Communications

Email is the backbone of client communication. Claude can help you respond faster while maintaining a personal touch.

Prompt: Post-Showing Follow-Up

Draft a follow-up email after yesterday's showings with my buyer
clients, the Nguyens.

Showing details:
1. 742 Maple Street ($465K)
   + LOVED: Backyard, natural light, neighborhood
   - CONCERN: Kitchen cramped
   ? MAYBE: Worth revisiting if kitchen can be opened up

2. 89 Pine Road ($472K)
   + LOVED: Floor plan, primary suite
   - CONCERN: Traffic noise
   X RULED OUT: Safety dealbreaker

3. 203 Oak Avenue ($445K)
   X RULED OUT: Too much deferred maintenance

4. 567 Birch Lane ($479K)
   + LIKED: Good condition
   - CONCERN: Overpriced by $20K
   ? MAYBE: If price reduces

What I want to accomplish:
- Validate their reactions
- Plant seed on Maple Street kitchen renovation
- Mention 2 new listings coming this afternoon
- Encourage them—we're narrowing down

About the Nguyens:
- First-time buyers, analytical (engineer + accountant)
- Feeling overwhelmed but making progress
- Need data and logic
- Respond poorly to pressure
- Appreciate honest trade-off discussions

Tone: Warm, supportive, trusted advisor not salesperson
Length: 175-200 words

Prompt: Delivering a Rejected Offer

Write an email to my buyers (Marcus and Destiny) letting them know
their offer wasn't accepted.

Situation:
- Property: 234 Elm Street, listed $459K
- Our offer: $465K (above asking), 20% down conventional, standard
contingencies
- Result: Seller accepted all-cash at $470K with waived inspection

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- Our offer was in the top 3

What I want to convey:
- Deliver news with empathy—they loved this house
- Validate their offer was strong
- Affirm their decision not to waive inspection was smart
- Note that competing against cash is hard but won't happen every
time
- Pivot to optimism without dismissing disappointment
- Mention I'm watching 2 other properties

About Marcus and Destiny:
- Lost one offer before this (second disappointment)
- She's emotional, he tries to be logical
- Need to hear this is normal and they're doing it right

Tone: Warm, empathetic, forward-looking
Length: 150-175 words
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Email Pro Tips:

1. Create a Project for each client so Claude remembers personality and history
2. Save emails that worked well as examples for future prompts
3. Always ask for subject line options
4. For sensitive emails: "Flag anything that might come across wrong"
5. Request versions for different scenarios: "One if they seem disappointed, one if angry"

Use Case 3: CMA Preparation and Pricing Conversations

CMAs require synthesizing data into clear, persuasive insights.

Prompt: Full CMA Analysis

```
I'm preparing a CMA presentation for potential sellers at 456 Maple
Court.

Subject property:
- 4BR/2.5BA two-story
- 2,650 sqft, 0.28 acres
- Built 2008
- Condition: Well maintained, original kitchen (white cabinets,
granite—dated but clean),
  primary bath updated 2022, new roof 2023, newer HVAC 2021
- 2-car attached garage
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Comparable Sales (last 90 days in Riverside Estates):

ACTIVE:
1. 412 Oak Lane: 4BR/2.5BA, 2,480 sf, listed $515K (12 days)
2. 523 Birch: 4BR/3BA, 2,890 sf, listed $549K (28 days, reduced from $575K)

SOLD:
3. 398 Maple Court: 4BR/2.5BA, 2,590 sf, SOLD $498K (16 DOM)
4. 445 Oak Lane: 4BR/2.5BA, 2,720 sf, SOLD $525K (8 DOM) – fully updated
5. 501 Birch: 5BR/3BA, 3,100 sf, SOLD $565K (22 DOM)
6. 387 Maple Court: 4BR/2BA, 2,380 sf, SOLD $465K (31 DOM) – needed work

Please provide:

1. PRICING ANALYSIS
   - Price per sqft across all comps
   - Adjusted analysis accounting for condition
   - Suggested list price range with confidence level
   - Single recommended list price with rationale

2. PRESENTATION SUMMARY (2-3 paragraphs I can present verbally)
   - What the data tells us
   - How subject compares to recent sales
   - My recommendation and why

3. COMP COMPARISON TABLE
   - Address, Beds/Bath, SqFt, Price, $/SqFt, DOM, Condition Notes
   - Highlight most relevant comps

4. OBJECTION HANDLING
   - "Zillow says $540K"
   - "Oak Lane is listed at $515K and it's smaller"
   - "We put $60K into updates"
   - "We're not in a hurry, let's start high"

5. PRICING STRATEGY OPTIONS
   - Aggressive (generate multiple offers)
   - Market (fair value)
   - Optimistic (negotiating room)
   - Pros/cons and recommendation

Sellers are empty nesters, 22 years in home, emotionally attached, will likely think it's worth more than data suggests.

Prompt: Price Reduction Conversation Prep

Help me prepare for a difficult price reduction conversation.

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Listing: 234 Oakwood Drive
- Original list: $475K (their idea—I recommended $455K)
- Current price: Still $475K
- Days on market: 34

Activity:
- Total showings: 12
- Trend: 5 week 1, 4 week 2, 3 week 3, 0 week 4
- Offers: 0
- Second showings: 1 (didn't offer)

Feedback:
- "Nice but overpriced" (3 agents)
- "Would consider at $450K"
- "Kitchen dated—comparing to updated homes at similar price"
- "Would need to drop $15-20K"

Market context:
- Similar homes selling in 14-21 days
- Two new listings just hit at $8-12/sqft lower
- Interest rates up 0.25%—buyers more price-sensitive

Sellers:
- Empty nesters, not relocating yet
- Husband accepting, wife resistant
- Frustrated—neighbor sold for more 2 years ago
- Said "we're not giving it away" multiple times
- Resistant to admitting they priced too high

My recommendation: Reduce to $455K

What I need:

1. OPENING SCRIPT (first 3-4 sentences)
   - Collaborative tone, not "I told you so"

2. KEY DATA POINTS (priority order)
   - Which 3-4 facts most persuasive
   - How to present each

3. OBJECTION RESPONSES
   - "Let's wait another 2 weeks"
   - "We're not giving it away"
   - "Our neighbor sold for more"
   - "Market will come back up in spring"
   - "Maybe we should try a different agent"

4. FRAMING THE REDUCTION
   - Position as their smart decision, not error admission
   - Language that lets them save face

5. NEXT STEPS
   - What happens after they agree
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      - How to reinvigorate listing

6. IF THEY SAY NO
   - What to say/do if they refuse
   - How to protect relationship while being honest
```

Use Case 4: Listing Presentation Preparation

Walking into a listing presentation prepared is half the battle.

Prompt: Full Listing Presentation Prep

```
I have a listing presentation tomorrow. Help me prepare thoroughly.

THE PROPERTY:
- 789 Riverside Drive
- 4BR/3BA two-story
- ~2,800 sqft on 0.3 acres
- Built 2005
- Condition: Very well maintained, some updates
- Quick estimate: $540-570K

THE SELLERS:
- John (55) and Maria (52) Thompson
- Divorcing. He'll attend, she won't
- Need to sell within 60 days for settlement
- Relationship: Amicable enough to agree on one agent
- Concerns:
  * Avoid open houses (privacy during divorce)
  * Worried about lowball offers
  * Friend told them $600K (I think high)
- Emotional state: John tired, ready to get it done, slightly
defensive

THE COMPETITION:
- Coldwell Banker agent (big brand)
- Their neighbor, part-time agent (relationship advantage)
- Me: Need to win on expertise and results

MY ADVANTAGES:
- 8 homes sold in Riverside Estates, 3 years
- Database of 50+ active buyers, 3 looking in this area
- Certified Divorce Real Estate Expert (CDRE)
- Average DOM: 16 vs 24 market average
- List-to-sale ratio: 98.7%

MY WEAKNESSES:
- Smaller brand than Coldwell
- No pre-existing relationship like neighbor
```

```
Please provide:

1. OPENING (first 2 minutes)
   - Build rapport quickly with John
   - Establish credibility without arrogance
   - Acknowledge difficult situation appropriately

2. THREE CORE TALKING POINTS
   - Tailored to their situation
   - Why I'm right choice for THEIR situation

3. ADDRESSING THEIR CONCERNS
   - No open houses: Market effectively without them
   - Lowball offers: Protect them in negotiations
   - $600K expectation: Reset without insulting friend

4. DIFFERENTIATION FROM COMPETITORS
   - What I offer Coldwell doesn't
   - What I offer neighbor agent can't
   - No trash-talking

5. QUESTIONS TO ASK THEM
   - Show I understand their situation
   - Uncover what they really care about
   - Differentiate from agents who just pitch

6. HANDLING OBJECTIONS
   - "Commission too high"
   - "Neighbor will discount"
   - "We want to list at $600K"
   - "We're not in a hurry" (but they are—60 days)
   - "Let us think about it"

7. STRONG CLOSE
   - Ask for business confidently
   - Handle if they want to interview everyone first
   - Memorable last impression

8. FOLLOW-UP PLAN
   - If no decision tomorrow
   - Email template for that evening

Time: 45 minutes
```

Use Case 5: Negotiation Strategy and Scripts

Negotiation is where deals are won or lost.

Prompt: Offer Strategy (Competitive Situation)

Help me prepare my buyers for a strong offer in competitive
situation.

Property:
- 1847 Riverside Drive
- List: $489K
- DOM: 3 (just listed)
- Condition: Updated, move-in ready
- Situation: Listing agent expects multiple offers, reviewing Sunday
5pm

My buyers (Patels):
- Pre-approved: $525K
- Comfortable budget: $475-510K
- Down payment: 20% available
- Love this house: 9/10 (most excited I've seen them)
- Lost 2 offers already, feeling desperate
- He wants to lowball, she wants to go strong

Comp data:
- Similar homes sold $485-510K last 60 days
- Priced well—not bargain but fair
- Homes in this condition getting multiple offers

What I need:

1. OFFER STRATEGY
   - Recommended offer price with rationale
   - Price range if they push back (floor/ceiling)
   - Escalation clause? How to structure?

2. TERMS STRATEGY
   - Earnest money (how to stand out)
   - Option period recommendation
   - Contingencies: what to include, what to consider waiving
   - Closing date strategy
   - Other terms that make offer attractive without costing money

3. CONVERSATION WITH PATELS
   - Realistic conversation about competition
   - Help him understand this isn't lowball situation
   - Help her not overbid emotionally
   - Decide how much they're really willing to pay

4. IF THEY WANT TO GO LOW
   - Explain the risk
   - Data or analogies that help

5. IF THEY WANT TO OVERBID
   - Protect from paying too much
   - Channel enthusiasm into strategy, not just price

```
6. ESCALATION CLAUSE LANGUAGE
    - Draft language if we use it
    - Cap recommendation

7. COVER LETTER
    - Should we? Pros/cons in this situation
    - If yes, draft one (not hokey)
```

Prompt: Negotiating Low Appraisal

```
Appraisal came in low, need to negotiate solution.

Situation:
- Property: 234 Elm Street
- Contract price: $475K
- Appraisal: $458K
- Gap: $17K

My role: Listing agent (representing sellers)

What I know:
- Sellers motivated but not desperate
- Have other options if this falls through
- Buyers want house badly
- Buyer's agent says they might have additional funds

The comps:
- Reviewed appraisal—appraiser used 2 sales I would have
- Missed recent sale at $482K (closed after cutoff)
- Undervalued pool adjustment—gave $5K, pools here add $10-15K

What I need:

1. OPTIONS TO PRESENT TO SELLERS
    - All possible ways to bridge gap
    - Pros and cons of each
    - My recommendation

2. REBUTTAL STRATEGY
    - Worth challenging appraisal?
    - How to submit additional comps
    - Realistic chance of success

3. NEGOTIATION APPROACH WITH BUYERS
    - Ask them to bring more cash
    - Language that keeps deal alive
    - What if they refuse?

4. SCRIPT FOR CALLING SELLERS
    - Deliver the news
    - Present options
```

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   - Guide to decision

5. EMAIL TO BUYER'S AGENT
   - Propose solution
   - Professional but protecting sellers

6. FALLBACK OPTIONS
   - If rebuttal fails and buyers won't bridge gap
   - When to walk away
```

Use Case 6: Social Media Content Creation

Consistent social media builds your brand, but creating content is exhausting.

Prompt: Full Content Calendar

```
Create 2 weeks of social media content for my real estate accounts.

About me:
- Market: Eastside Austin (Holly, East Cesar Chavez, Mueller, Windsor
Park)
- Specialization: Helping buyers/sellers navigate East Austin
- Brand voice: Knowledgeable, approachable, slightly witty—not salesy
- Style: Educational over self-promotion
- Goal: Be seen as East Austin expert

Content mix:
- 5 posts per week
- Mix: Market insights, homeowner tips, neighborhood spotlights,
  personal/BTS, listing content
- Platforms: Instagram (primary), Facebook (secondary)

Week 1:
1. Just Listed: 1847 Willow ($475K, 1940s bungalow, lovingly updated,
   garage converted to office)
2. Market insight: East Austin inventory down 15% YOY, prices
stabilized
3. Homeowner tip: January-specific (property taxes due, maintenance
planning)
4. Neighborhood spotlight: Mueller (modern, family-friendly, planned
community)
5. Personal/BTS: Just closed 50th transaction—celebrate without
bragging

Week 2:
1. Just Sold: 2341 Holly (first-timers beat 4 offers with strategy,
not price)
2. Market insight: Interest rates and what it means for Austin buyers
3. Homeowner tip: One thing every homeowner should check this month
```

4. Educational: What "days on market" really tells you (and doesn't)
5. Engagement: Question to get commenting (local focus)

For each post provide:
- Caption (60-100 words unless noted)
- Hook (first line must stop scroll)
- Call to action (if appropriate)
- 5-7 hashtags (mix local Austin + real estate + topic)
- Best day of week to post
- Visual suggestions

Avoid: Starting with "Looking to buy/sell?" or "Did you know?" or "Happy [day]!"

Prompt: Single High-Impact Post

Create celebration post for first-time buyer closing after 8-month journey.

Details:
- Started May, closing January
- Lost offers in July (outbid), September (lost to cash), October (appraisal low)
- Each time devastated, questioned giving up
- This home: 3BR bungalow in Cherrywood NOT LISTED—I found through network
- Their reaction: "We can't believe this is ours"
- Names: Marcus and Destiny (permission to share)

What I want:
- Journey was hard but worth it
- Persistence pays off
- Having connected agent matters (subtle, not braggy)
- Focus on THEM not me
- Emotional resonance—make people feel something

Avoid:
- Bragging about "off-market magic"
- Making it about me
- Generic "congrats to my buyers!"
- Anything that sounds like ad

Platform: Instagram
Length: 100-130 words
Include: Hashtags and visual recommendation (have closing day photos)

Use Case 7: Open House Follow-Up

Open houses generate leads, but most agents drop the ball on follow-up.

Prompt: Open House Follow-Up System

```
I had 14 groups at my open house yesterday. Create follow-up system.

Property: 234 Maple Street, $489K, 3BR/2BA, 1,850 sqft

Sign-in notes:
1. Mike & Sarah Chen - Serious, asked lots questions, pre-approved,
have agent
   but seem disappointed
2. David R. - Investor? Asked about rentals, cap rates. Gave card.
3. Jennifer Williams - First-timer, nervous, loved kitchen, asked
schools. No agent.
4. The Patels - Just starting, "just looking." No agent.
5. Robert Thompson - Neighbor, curious about value. Owns home.
6-7. Anonymous - Didn't sign in
8. Lisa M. - Working with Redfin, comparing to another
9. Young couple (no names) - Mentioned upside down, can't move
10. Maria Santos - Agent from ABC Realty, previewing for clients
11-14. Basic lookers, no strong signals

What I need:

1. PRIORITY TIERS
   - Categorize by priority and urgency
   - Explain logic

2. TIER 1 FOLLOW-UP (Hot - within 24 hours)
   - Email for Jennifer (first-timer, no agent)
   - Email for Patels (new search, no agent)
   - Email for Chens (unhappy with current agent)
   - Email for John & Carol (need to sell first)

3. TIER 2 FOLLOW-UP (Warm - within 48 hours)
   - Email for David (investor)
   - Email for Robert (neighbor - future listing)

4. SPECIAL SITUATIONS
   - Lisa (Redfin) - worth following up?
   - Agent Maria - appropriate follow-up?
   - Upside-down couple - can I help?

5. LONG-TERM NURTURE
   - For everyone who signed in: ongoing touch?
   - Email sequence for not-ready leads

Each email:
- Reference something specific from conversation
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- Provide value (not just "following up!")
- Clear but soft CTA
- Feel personal not templated
- Appropriate length
```

Use Case 8: Market Reports and Client Updates

Regular market updates position you as expert and keep you top-of-mind.

Prompt: Monthly Market Report

```
Help me create monthly market report for sphere and past clients.

Market data (Austin, TX - December 2025):
- Median sale: $485K (up 2.3% from Nov, down 1.4% YOY)
- Average DOM: 45 (down from 52 in Nov)
- Active inventory: 4,234 (down 8% - seasonal)
- New listings: 2,891 (lowest Dec in 5 years)
- Closed sales: 2,156 (up 12% from Nov)
- List-to-sale ratio: 96.8% (up from 96.2%)
- Months supply: 2.8 (buyer's market is 6+)

Trends:
- Interest rates dropped slightly in Dec (now ~6.75%)
- Luxury ($750K+) slower than overall
- New construction down 15% YOY
- First-time buyer activity up with rate drop

What I need:

1. EMAIL VERSION (300-400 words)
   - Subject line options (3)
   - Engaging opening (not "Here's your monthly update!")
   - Key insights (what data MEANS, not just what it IS)
   - What this means for buyers
   - What this means for sellers
   - Personal sign-off with soft CTA

2. SOCIAL MEDIA VERSION (150 words)
   - Hook that stops scrolling
   - 3-4 key insights digestible
   - CTA to reach out
   - Hashtags

3. ONE-PAGE PDF (outline)
   - Structure for visual one-pager
   - What in each section
   - Visual suggestions
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    4. TALKING POINTS
       - 5 things to say if asked "how's the market?"
       - One optimistic, one cautious, one neutral

    Tone: Informative not alarmist. Educate, not scare into action.
```

Use Case 9: Transaction Coordination

Real estate transactions have dozens of moving pieces.

Prompt: Transaction Timeline for Clients

```
Create client-friendly timeline for first-time buyers under contract.

Contract details:
- Execution: January 10, 2026
- Option period: 10 days (ends Jan 20)
- Option fee: $500
- Earnest money: $7,500 (due within 3 days)
- Financing contingency: 21 days (due Jan 31)
- Closing: February 28, 2026
- Loan: Conventional 20% down

What I need:

1. VISUAL TIMELINE
   - Week-by-week breakdown
   - Key dates highlighted
   - What happens each phase

2. CHECKLIST FORMAT
   - Everything they need to do
   - Everything I'll handle
   - Everything lender needs from them
   - Deadlines for each

3. WHAT TO EXPECT
   - Plain-English explanation of each phase
   - What happens at inspection
   - What happens at appraisal
   - What happens at closing
   - What they'll feel (normalize anxiety)

4. IMPORTANT REMINDERS
   - Don't make major purchases
   - Don't change jobs
   - Don't move money around
   - Do respond quickly to lender
   - Do keep receipts for large deposits
```

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5. CONTACT LIST
    - Who handles what
    - When to contact whom


Write for nervous first-timers. Smart but never done this. Make it
manageable not overwhelming.
```

Use Case 10: Scripts for Difficult Conversations

Real estate requires delivering bad news and navigating emotional situations.

Prompt: Commission Discussion Script

```
Potential seller says my commission "too high," talking to discount
broker at 1%.

Situation:
- Property value: ~$550K
- My commission: 2.5% listing side
- Discount broker: 1% flat supposedly
- Sellers: Reasonable but price-sensitive, comparing on fee

My value:
- 12 years experience this market
- 47 homes sold their subdivision
- 14 days DOM vs 28 market average
- 98.4% list-to-sale vs 96% market
- Full service: photos, staging consult, video, social
- Full-time, not side gig

What I need:

1. QUESTIONS TO ASK FIRST
    - Before defending fee
    - Understanding concerns
    - Understanding comparison

2. VALUE CONVERSATION (not defense)
    - Talk value not justify price
    - What "discount" really means
    - Math: faster sale at higher price vs net

3. HANDLING OBJECTIONS
    - "Discount broker has great reviews"
    - "We don't need all the extra stuff"
    - "House will sell itself"
    - "Can you match their rate?"
    - "We'll do some work ourselves"
```

```
4. SHOWING THE MATH
   - Demonstrate net proceeds difference
   - Real example of my marketing/negotiation results

5. ASKING FOR BUSINESS
   - How to close after this
   - If they still want to think about it?

6. WALKING AWAY
   - When to decide not right fit
   - What to say if won't take at reduced commission


Don't be defensive. Be confident and helpful.
```

Use Case 11: Buyer Consultation Preparation

The buyer consultation sets tone for entire relationship.

Prompt: Buyer Consultation Prep

```
Buyer consultation tomorrow with couple from Zillow. Help me prepare.

What I know:
- Kevin & Amy Washington
- Source: Zillow inquiry on my listing
- First call: 10 minutes
- Pre-approved: $500K
- Looking: Mueller/Windsor Park/North Loop
- Timeline: Moved in by May (kids new school)
- Current: Renting, lease ends May 31
- First-timers? Think so, not sure
- Looked at 3-4 houses with another agent, "didn't work out"

Goals tomorrow:
- Understand full situation and criteria
- Set expectations about market
- Explain my process and value
- Get buyer rep agreement signed
- Build trust and rapport

What I need:

1. QUESTIONS TO ASK
   - Rapport-building (get them talking, not interrogating)
   - Qualifying (can they actually buy, timeline realistic?)
   - Criteria (need vs want)
   - Motivation (why moving, timeline drivers)
   - Previous agent (why didn't work—carefully!)
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      - Decision-making (who decides, are they aligned?)

2. WHAT TO COVER IN PRESENTATION
      - How I work
      - Expectations in this market
      - Home buying process search to close
      - My role vs their role
      - Communication expectations
      - Why buyer agreement benefits them

3. RED FLAGS TO WATCH
      - Not serious
      - Unrealistic expectations
      - Difficult to work with
      - Financing might not hold

4. HANDLING THEIR QUESTIONS
      - "How much do you charge?"
      - "Do we have to sign something?"
      - "What happened with Oak Street house?" (my listing)
      - "Why work with you vs another agent?"

5. THE CLOSE
      - Transition to buyer agreement
      - Handle "we want to think about it"
      - Handle "don't want to sign anything yet"

6. FOLLOW-UP
      - What to send after meeting
      - Stay in touch if not ready to commit
```

Use Case 12: Personal Branding and Sphere Marketing

Building personal brand requires consistent sphere communication.

Prompt: Annual Client Touch System

```
Create system for staying in touch with past clients throughout year.

My database:
- 87 past buyer clients
- 64 past seller clients
- ~200 sphere (friends, family, acquaintances)

Goals:
- Touch past clients 8-12 times/year
- Touch sphere 6-8 times/year
- Feel personal not spam
- Generate referrals and repeat business
```

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- Memorable not annoying

Current touches:
- Pop-by gifts at closing and 1-year anniversary
- Monthly email newsletter (low engagement)
- Random social comments

What I need:

1. ANNUAL TOUCH CALENDAR
    - Month-by-month plan
    - Type of touch (email, text, card, call, gift)
    - Themes each month
    - Budget estimate for gifts/cards

2. EMAIL TEMPLATES (6-8)
    - Home anniversary congratulations
    - Market update (personal, not generic newsletter)
    - Holiday greetings (not December—too crowded)
    - Home maintenance seasonal reminders
    - "Thinking of you" personal touchpoint
    - Review request (happy clients)
    - Referral ask (subtle, not pushy)

3. TEXT MESSAGE TEMPLATES (4-5)
    - Quick check-in
    - Market news affecting their home value
    - "Saw this thought of you" (article, restaurant)
    - Simple touchpoint

4. PHONE CALL SCRIPTS (3-4)
    - Annual check-in call
    - Home value call ("Looking at your neighborhood...")
    - Referral-focused call

5. POP-BY GIFT IDEAS
    - Budget: $15-30 per gift
    - Different times of year
    - Tied to home/neighborhood

6. SEGMENTATION STRATEGY
    - Tier database (A/B/C)
    - Different touch frequency per tier
    - How to move people up tiers

Make this systematic but genuine. Hear from me regularly but never
feel marketed to.
```

Prompt: Personal Brand Content

```
Create personal brand content that sets me apart.

About me:
- 12 years in real estate
- Specialize East Austin
- Before RE: High school teacher 8 years
- Personal: Married, 2 kids (8, 11), live Mueller
- Hobbies: Trail running, terrible at guitar, documentary junkie
- Style: Relatable, knowledgeable not pretentious, occasionally funny
- Different: Actually live and participate in community I serve

Brand message: "I didn't just sell my first home here—I'm raising my
family here."

What I need:

1. BIO VERSIONS
   - Professional (150 words - website/listings)
   - Casual (75 words - social)
   - Micro (25 words - email signature)
   - Interview Q&A (about page)

2. ORIGIN STORY
   - How I got into RE (from teaching)
   - Why passionate
   - For: website about page or listing presentation

3. DIFFERENTIATOR STATEMENTS
   - 5 ways to say what makes me different
   - For conversations not marketing
   - Memorable not cheesy

4. SOCIAL CONTENT IDEAS
   - 10 post ideas showing personality + expertise
   - Connect background to real estate
   - Show I'm part of community

5. CONVERSATION STARTERS
   - Introduce myself at events
   - Answer "what do you do?" memorably
   - Talk about what makes me different without bragging

6. TESTIMONIAL PROMPTS
   - Questions to ask clients for better testimonials
   - Details to encourage them to include
```

Part 6: Building Your Prompt Library

As you use Claude more, you'll develop prompts that work well for your style and needs. Building a personal prompt library saves time and improves consistency.

Why Build a Library?

- **Save time**: Don't reinvent the wheel for common tasks
- **Ensure consistency**: Get reliable quality every time
- **Enable delegation**: Assistants can use your prompts
- **Improve over time**: Refine prompts as you learn what works

What to Save

Save prompts for tasks you do regularly:

- Listing descriptions (with your preferred structure)
- Follow-up emails for different scenarios
- Social media posts for recurring situations
- Offer preparation
- Client communication templates
- Market update formats

How to Organize

Create a simple document or folder structure:

```
My Prompt Library/
├── Listings/
│   ├── Standard listing description
│   ├── Luxury listing description
│   ├── Investment property description
│   └── Price reduction marketing
├── Client Communication/
│   ├── Post-showing follow-up
│   ├── Offer submitted
│   ├── Offer accepted
│   ├── Offer rejected
│   └── Weekly seller update
├── Lead Follow-Up/
│   ├── Open house follow-up (hot lead)
│   ├── Open house follow-up (warm lead)
│   └── Dead lead reactivation
├── Social Media/
│   ├── Just listed post
│   ├── Just sold post
│   ├── Market update
│   └── Personal content
└── Negotiations/
    ├── Multiple offer strategy
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        ├── Low appraisal response
        └── Price reduction conversation
```

Template Format

For each saved prompt, include:

```
# PROMPT NAME
Category: [Listings/Communication/etc.]
When to use: [Describe the situation]
Time saved: [Estimate]
Last updated: [Date]

## The Prompt
[Your full prompt template with [PLACEHOLDERS] for variable
information]

## Variables to Customize
- [PLACEHOLDER 1]: What to put here
- [PLACEHOLDER 2]: What to put here
- etc.

## Example Output
[A sample of what good output looks like]

## Notes
- [Any tips for using this prompt]
- [What to watch for in the output]
- [How to iterate if needed]
```

Starting Your Library

Here are prompts to save immediately based on this guide:

1. **Listing description multi-format** (Part 5, Use Case 1)
2. **Post-showing follow-up email** (Part 5, Use Case 2)
3. **CMA verbal summary** (Part 5, Use Case 3)
4. **Listing presentation prep** (Part 5, Use Case 4)
5. **Offer strategy for competitive situations** (Part 5, Use Case 5)
6. **Weekly social media content** (Part 5, Use Case 6)
7. **Open house follow-up system** (Part 5, Use Case 7)
8. **Monthly market report** (Part 5, Use Case 8)
9. **Transaction timeline for clients** (Part 5, Use Case 9)
10. **Price reduction conversation script** (Part 5, Use Case 10)

Part 7: Time-Saving Workflows

Let's put it all together into workflows that save real time every week.

Workflow 1: New Listing Launch (90 minutes → 30 minutes)

Traditional process:

1. Gather property info (15 min)
2. Write MLS description (20 min)
3. Write Zillow version (10 min)
4. Write social posts (15 min)
5. Write email to buyer database (10 min)
6. Create broker tour invite (10 min)
7. Review and edit (10 min)

Claude-assisted process:

1. Gather property info (15 min) — same
2. Single prompt for all variations (5 min to prompt, 2 min to generate)
3. Review and refine (8 min)

The workflow:

Step 1: Prepare your information (keep a checklist)

- Property details, features, updates
- Neighborhood info, schools
- Target buyer, special features
- What to avoid

Step 2: Use your saved listing description prompt (include all versions in one prompt)

Step 3: Review output, iterate as needed:

- "Make the MLS version more factual, less flowery"
- "The Instagram hook isn't grabby enough—try again"
- "Add mention of the new roof"

Step 4: Copy final versions to your systems

Time savings: 60 minutes per listing × 2 listings per month = 2 hours/month saved

Workflow 2: Post-Showing Follow-Up (30 minutes → 10 minutes)

Traditional process:

1. Review notes from showings (5 min)
2. Draft email touching on each property (15 min)
3. Edit for tone and clarity (10 min)

Claude-assisted process:

1. Capture notes during/right after showings (5 min) — same, but more detailed
2. Prompt Claude with notes and goals (3 min)
3. Review and personalize (2 min)

Time savings: 20 minutes per showing × 3 showings per week = 1 hour/week saved

Workflow 3: Weekly Seller Update (20 minutes → 5 minutes)

Traditional process:

1. Gather showing feedback (5 min)
2. Check online metrics (3 min)
3. Write update email (10 min)
4. Edit and send (2 min)

Claude-assisted process:

1. Keep a running doc of feedback throughout the week (2 min total)
2. Grab metrics (2 min)
3. Prompt Claude (1 min) — use Project with listing context already loaded
4. Review and send (2 min)

Time savings: 15 minutes per listing per week × 4 active listings = 1 hour/week saved

Workflow 4: Social Media Batching (2 hours → 30 minutes)

Traditional process:

- Daily struggle to think of posts (10-15 min/day × 5 days = 60-75 min)
- Each post requires writing, finding image, hashtags (15 min each × 5 = 75 min)
- Total: 2+ hours per week

Claude-assisted process:

1. Once per week: Generate all posts for the week in one session (15 min)
2. Light editing and personalization (10 min)
3. Schedule all posts (5 min)

Time savings: 90+ minutes per week

Weekly Time Savings Summary

Workflow	Time Saved
Listing launches (2/month)	2 hours/month
Post-showing follow-ups	1 hour/week
Seller updates	1 hour/week
Social media	1.5 hours/week
Client emails (misc)	1 hour/week
Total	**~5-6 hours/week**

That's **250+ hours per year**—over six 40-hour work weeks—reclaimed for income-generating activities.

Part 8: Common Mistakes and How to Avoid Them

Mistake 1: Vague Prompts Expecting Specific Results

Problem: "Write me a listing description"

Why it fails: Claude doesn't know the property, the target buyer, your style, or the platform requirements.

Solution: Include all relevant details. If it feels like you're over-explaining, you're probably doing it right.

Mistake 2: Not Providing Enough Context About People

Problem: "Write a follow-up email to my buyers"

Why it fails: Claude doesn't know if they're first-time buyers or seasoned investors, anxious or confident, emotional decision-makers or analytical ones.

Solution: Include personality notes, communication preferences, and emotional state. The email for nervous first-time buyers is very different from one for experienced investors.

Mistake 3: Using First Drafts Without Review

Problem: Copy and paste directly into your CRM or email client.

Why it fails: AI can miss nuance, include slightly awkward phrasing, or get facts wrong. It might also sound like AI wrote it.

Solution: Always review, fact-check, and personalize. Add your voice. Remove anything that sounds robotic.

Mistake 4: Forgetting Fair Housing

Problem: "Write a listing description that would appeal to young families"

Why this can fail: You can describe features (bedrooms, yard, proximity to schools) but not target or exclude protected classes. Familial status is protected.

Solution: Focus on features, not people. "Near top-rated schools with a large backyard" is fine. "Perfect for young families!" can be problematic. Always review marketing content with Fair Housing guidelines in mind.

Mistake 5: Starting New Conversations Constantly

Problem: Every question starts a new chat, losing all previous context.

Why it fails: You re-explain the same client situation over and over. Claude can't learn your preferences across unconnected conversations.

Solution: Use Projects for ongoing work. Continue conversations when working on the same topic. Enable Memory for personal preferences.

Mistake 6: Not Iterating

Problem: Accepting mediocre output because the first response was "pretty good."

Why it fails: Claude's first attempt is a draft, not final work. You'd give feedback to a human assistant; do the same here.

Solution: Iterate. "Make it shorter." "Different tone." "Try again." The second or third version is usually much better.

Mistake 7: Over-Sharing Sensitive Information

Problem: Uploading client tax returns, loan applications with SSNs, or other highly sensitive documents.

Why it fails: While Claude doesn't store data, it's good practice to share only what's needed.

Solution: Share property info, general situations, and communication context freely. Redact SSNs, bank account numbers, and truly personal financial details. Ask yourself: "Does Claude need this specific piece of information to help me?"

Mistake 8: Treating Claude as Infallible

Problem: Assuming everything Claude produces is accurate and final.

Why it fails: Claude can make mistakes, misunderstand context, or confidently state things that are wrong. It doesn't have access to MLS data, current listings, or real-time market information.

Solution: Verify facts. Trust your expertise for market opinions. Use Claude for drafting and brainstorming, yourself for final decisions.

Mistake 9: Never Saving What Works

Problem: Writing a great prompt, getting great output, and then never finding it again.

Why it fails: You waste time recreating prompts that worked before.

Solution: Build your prompt library. When something works well, save it as a template.

Mistake 10: Using AI as a Crutch Instead of a Tool

Problem: Becoming dependent on Claude for everything, losing your own voice and expertise.

Why it fails: Your clients hire you for your expertise, market knowledge, and personal touch—not for your ability to use AI.

Solution: Use Claude to amplify your abilities, not replace them. Your market insights, relationship skills, and professional judgment remain irreplaceable. Claude handles the

busy work; you provide the expertise.

Part 9: Advanced Techniques

For users who want to push Claude further.

Technique 1: Chain Prompting for Complex Tasks

Instead of one massive prompt, break complex tasks into steps:

```
Step 1: "I'm preparing for a difficult listing presentation. First,
let me give you all the context about the property, sellers, and
competitive situation..." [share everything]

Step 2: "Now, based on that context, what are the 3 most important
things I need to accomplish in this meeting?"

Step 3: "Great. For the first objective [getting realistic about
price], give me the opening I should use and the data points I should
emphasize."

Step 4: "Now address how I should handle the inevitable objection
about their neighbor's sale price."

Step 5: "Finally, give me a strong close that asks for the business."
```

This produces better results than trying to get everything in one prompt.

Technique 2: Role-Playing for Practice

Use Claude to practice difficult conversations:

```
"Act as a seller who is resistant to a price reduction. You listed 6
weeks ago at $525K on my recommendation of $499K. You've had 8
showings and no offers. I'm calling to discuss a price reduction.

Push back on everything I say. Be emotional about the price. Mention
that your neighbor sold for more. Say you'll 'wait for spring' and
'the right buyer will come along.' After 5-6 exchanges, break
character and give me feedback on how I handled the conversation.

I'll start: 'Hi John, thanks for taking my call. I wanted to discuss
the market activity over the past few weeks and talk about
strategy.'"
```

Technique 3: Creating Custom Templates

Ask Claude to help you create reusable templates:

```
"I want to create a template for buyer consultation follow-up emails
that I can use repeatedly.

The template should have placeholders for:
- [CLIENT_NAMES]
- [MAIN_TAKEAWAY] from our meeting
- [NEXT_STEP] we discussed
- [TIMELINE_NOTE] about their timing
- [PERSONAL_TOUCH] something specific I noticed

Create the template with these placeholders and instructions on what
type of information should go in each one. Then show me an example of
the template filled out for a fictional client."
```

Technique 4: Getting Feedback on Your Work

Use Claude to improve your own writing:

```
"Here's an email I drafted to a past client asking for referrals.
Review it and give me:
1. What works well about it
2. What could be stronger
3. A revised version incorporating your suggestions
4. Alternative approaches I might consider

[paste your draft]"
```

Technique 5: Market Research and Talking Points

Use Claude's knowledge (supplemented with search if needed) for market
conversations:

```
"I have a listing appointment with sellers who are worried about
interest rates and market timing. Help me prepare talking points
that:

1. Acknowledge their concerns (don't dismiss them)
2. Provide context (historical perspective)
3. Explain why waiting might or might not make sense
4. Address 'but rates might come down' objection
5. Pivot to what they CAN control (presentation, pricing, timing in
the seasonal market)
```

```
Give me conversational language, not bullet points."
```

Technique 6: Building Systems

Use Claude to design your business systems:

```
"Help me design a lead follow-up system for buyer leads from Zillow.

I want a system that includes:
- Initial response (within 5 minutes)
- Qualification conversation
- What happens if they're ready to look
- What happens if they're just starting research
- Long-term nurture for leads that go cold
- Tracking and metrics

For each step, tell me: what to do, what to say (scripts/templates),
when to move to the next step, and what tools I'd need."
```

Part 10: Claude Skills for Real Estate

Skills are pre-built instruction sets that extend Claude's capabilities for specific tasks. Think of them as plugins that make Claude better at particular things.

How Skills Work

Skills are special instruction files (usually markdown files) that you download and add to Claude via Projects. When a Skill is active in a Project, Claude gains new abilities or follows specific workflows automatically.

Finding Skills

Anthropic maintains a collection of official Skills at skills.claude.ai. The library is growing, so check back periodically.

For real estate professionals, useful Skill categories include:

- **Document creation** — Skills that help Claude generate formatted Word docs, PDFs, or presentations
- **Spreadsheet analysis** — Skills for reading and summarizing data exports
- **Writing enhancement** — Skills for specific writing styles or formats

Installing a Skill

1. Find a Skill you want to use
2. Download the Skill file (usually a `.md` file)
3. Open the Project where you want to use it
4. Add the Skill file to the Project's knowledge base
5. Start a new conversation in that Project—the Skill is now active

Creating Your Own Skills

You can create custom Skills for your specific workflows. A Skill is just a text file with detailed instructions.

Example: Listing Description Skill

```
# Listing Description Skill

When asked to write a listing description, always follow this
structure:

## Structure
1. Opening hook (1 sentence that captures attention and stops
scrolling)
2. Property overview (beds, baths, sqft, lot, year—get the specs out
of the way)
3. Interior highlights (3-4 features, most impressive first)
4. Kitchen and baths (buyers care about these—always address)
5. Exterior and lot (yard, garage, outdoor living)
6. Location and lifestyle (neighborhood, schools, commute, amenities)
7. Call to action (soft, not pushy)

## Style Guidelines
- Use active voice
- Be specific ("quartz counters and 6-burner gas range" not "nice
kitchen")
- Mention year of updates when available ("renovated 2023")
- Include school district if known
- Lead with the strongest feature
- End with lifestyle, not features

## Avoid
- "Must see" / "won't last" / "priced to sell"
- "Dream home" / "motivated seller" / "turn-key"
- "Charming" (code for small) / "cozy" (code for tiny)
- Exclamation points (one per description maximum)
- Sentences starting with "This home features..."

## Always Ask For (if not provided)
- Target buyer profile
```

```
- What makes this property special vs. competition
- Anything to downplay or avoid mentioning

## Output Format
Provide versions for:
1. MLS (250 words max)
2. Online portals (150 words)
3. Social media (50 words)
Unless specified otherwise.
```

Add this to any listing-related Project, and Claude will follow this structure automatically.

Example: Communication Style Skill

```
# My Communication Style Skill

## Email Guidelines
- Tone: Warm, professional, never corporate
- Length: As short as possible while being complete
- Structure: Hook, context, ask, sign-off
- Always personalize—reference something specific about the recipient
- Avoid: "I hope this email finds you well" and other filler phrases
- Sign off: "Best, [name]" or "Thanks, [name]" (no need to be more
formal)

## When Drafting for Clients
- First-time buyers: Reassuring, educational, patient
- Experienced buyers/sellers: Efficient, data-focused, respect their
time
- Luxury clients: Sophisticated but not pretentious
- Investors: Numbers, ROI, efficiency

## My Voice
- Slightly informal, like a knowledgeable friend
- Use contractions (it's, you'll, we're)
- Occasionally witty but never sarcastic
- Confident but not arrogant
- Honest even when the news isn't great

## Never
- Use emojis in professional emails (okay in texts)
- Write more than 3 paragraphs in most emails
- Start with "I"—lead with the recipient
- Sound like a robot or an AI wrote it
```

Part 11: Troubleshooting and FAQ

General Issues

"Claude doesn't remember what I told it earlier"

Are you in the same conversation? Each conversation has its own context. For persistent memory:

- Stay in the same conversation for ongoing work
- Use Projects to maintain context across conversations
- Enable Memory in settings for basic personal details

"Claude's responses are too generic"

Add more context. Include:

- Specific details about the situation
- Who the audience is
- What tone you want
- What you want to avoid
- Examples of what "good" looks like

"The output is too long/short"

Be explicit: "Keep this under 100 words" or "I need about 300 words." You can also say "That's too long—cut it in half while keeping the key points."

"Claude refuses to help with something it should be able to do"

Rephrase your request with more context about why you need it. Explain the legitimate business purpose. If it's content that could be misused, explaining your role as a real estate professional usually helps.

"My uploaded file didn't work"

- Check file size (very large files may need to be split)
- For scanned PDFs, the text might not be readable—try taking photos instead
- Make sure the file fully uploaded before sending your message
- Try a different file format if possible

Real Estate-Specific Questions

"Can Claude access my MLS?"

No. Claude can't log into external systems. However, you can:

- Export MLS data as PDF and upload it
- Copy/paste listing details into your prompt
- Upload screenshots of MLS sheets

"Can Claude write contracts?"

Claude can help draft language and explain terms, but always use your state/association-approved forms. Claude doesn't know your state's specific legal requirements. Have your broker review anything unusual.

"Will clients know I'm using AI?"

Only if you tell them. The output is yours to use. That said, always review and personalize—purely AI-generated content can feel impersonal without your touch.

"What about confidentiality?"

Be thoughtful about what you share:

- Avoid uploading documents with SSNs, full financial details, or other sensitive personal information
- Property information and general client situations are fine
- When in doubt, redact sensitive details before uploading
- Review Anthropic's current privacy policy for details

"Can Claude help with transactions in progress?"

Yes—create a Project for each active transaction and upload relevant documents as you go. Claude can help you:

- Track timeline and deadlines
- Summarize inspection reports
- Draft communication to all parties
- Prepare for negotiations

"Is the output copyrighted?"

The content Claude helps you create is yours to use. Original content generated for your business is fine. Don't ask Claude to reproduce copyrighted material.

"What if Claude gives me bad advice about a legal or compliance matter?"

Claude is not a lawyer or compliance expert. For legal questions, contract interpretation, fair housing compliance, or regulatory matters, always consult your broker, your state's real estate commission, or a qualified attorney. Claude can help you understand and explain, but it's not a substitute for professional legal guidance.

Part 12: Going Deeper

Official Resources

- **Claude Documentation**: docs.anthropic.com (https://docs.anthropic.com) — Technical documentation and guides
- **Anthropic Blog**: anthropic.com/blog (https://anthropic.com/blog) — Updates and new features
- **Prompt Library**: docs.anthropic.com/en/prompt-library (https://docs.anthropic.com/en/prompt-library) — Example prompts for various use cases

Industry Resources

- **NAR AI Resources**: nar.realtor/artificial-intelligence (https://www.nar.realtor/artificial-intelligence) — National Association of Realtors guidance on AI in real estate
- **Inman News**: inman.com (https://www.inman.com) — Stay current on technology trends in real estate
- **HousingWire**: housingwire.com (https://www.housingwire.com) — Industry news including tech coverage

Practice Exercises

If you want to build your skills, try these exercises:

1. **Create 3 listing descriptions** for properties you've sold in the past. Compare them to what you actually wrote. Which is better?
2. **Draft a difficult conversation script** for a real situation you've faced. Role-play it with Claude playing the other party.
3. **Build a follow-up email sequence** for a lead source (open house, Zillow, sphere). Test them on your next 10 leads.
4. **Create your complete prompt library** using the framework in Part 6.
5. **Design your ideal client touch system** using the prompts in Part 5, Use Case 12.

What to Do This Week

1. **Today**: Create your first Project for a current client or listing
2. **Tomorrow**: Try 3 prompts from this guide with real work
3. **This week**: Save 5 prompts that work well to start your library
4. **This month**: Establish one complete workflow (listing launch, follow-up, social media)

Final Thoughts

Claude Desktop is a powerful tool, but it's still just a tool. It works best when you bring clear thinking about what you need and why.

The agents who will thrive in the coming years won't be the ones who ignore AI or the ones who blindly trust it. They'll be the ones who learn to collaborate with it—staying in control while letting AI handle the busy work.

What can't be automated:

- Your market expertise and local knowledge
- Your relationship-building skills
- Your negotiation instincts
- Your ability to read people and situations
- Your judgment on pricing, timing, and strategy
- The trust you've built with clients

What can be automated:

- First drafts of everything
- Routine communication
- Document summarization
- Content creation
- Information synthesis
- Brainstorming and preparation

Reclaim 5-10 hours every week. Invest that time where it matters: building relationships, sharpening your skills, serving your clients better, or just living your life.

Start small. Pick one workflow from this guide and implement it this week. Then add another. Within a month, you'll wonder how you ever worked without it.

Good luck, and happy prompting.

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