
I asked AI how to write perfect prompts.

Imagine typing a prompt and getting something back that sounds like it was built for your exact situation. That's what the CAFE framework does. How do I know this works?

I prompted AI to tell me exactly what it needs to generate an excellent response. Its response:

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If I were teaching a class on prompting, the CAFE framework would be my first lesson.
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CONTEXT

Most people skip the setup. They open an AI tool, type one sentence, and hit enter. The problem: AI has no idea who you are or what's actually going on. It fills in the gaps with its own assumptions. The result: generic AI slop. The solution: paint a picture before you make the ask. Provide some context and tell AI what you'd tell a colleague before handing them a task.

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I'm the project lead on a software implementation at my company. We're in the final phase of our rollout. I have a 30-minute check-in with the vendor tomorrow and also need to brief my direct supervisor.
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Ask

It's tempting to dump everything into one prompt and expect AI to figure out what matters most. The problem: AI tries to cover all of it in one pass. The result: generic responses for four things, instead of a strong answer for one. Specify one clear task. That's the difference.

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Create a meeting prep brief. Summarize what's been completed so far and where we currently stand in the final phase.
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FORMAT

Begin with the end in mind. Ask yourself: what should the final output look like? Without a format instruction, AI defaults to assumptions. You asked for a brief and received a convoluted, 8-page report. One sentence will save you 3 rounds of back-and-forth with AI.

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Structure: go-live readiness summary, 3 items to confirm before launch,
and agreed next steps. Keep it to 1 page.
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EFFECT

Finally, explain what you're actually trying to accomplish. The desired effect and who it's for. Without it, AI gives you information. With it, AI knows how to frame it. State your effect and watch your prompts become effective.

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I need the vendor to confirm our go-live date and approve our current
launch plan. My direct supervisor will also be reviewing all the project
details.
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Not every prompt needs all four. Three is usually enough, but four makes it sharp.

Now take it one step further:

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Reference my context file and personalize this brief for my supervisor
based on their saved working preferences.
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This file can live inside your AI Profile folder.

How should one create and organize files for AI to reference later?

Don't worry, [AGENT: Prompt Builder](#) can help with that.