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The Gemini Prompt Guide for 2026

A Gemini prompt is the message you type to tell Google Gemini what you want. A basic request gets a basic answer. A clear prompt says the task, the context, who the answer is for, the tone and the shape of the answer. This guide covers the six parts of a strong prompt, a template to fill in, the six task types, tone and format words, twelve ready prompts and a checklist to fix a weak answer.

The six parts of a strong prompt

1. **Role.** Who Gemini should act as: a teacher, a senior developer, an editor or a marketing coach.
2. **Task.** One clear action word and what to do: write, summarize, code, solve, explain or brainstorm.
3. **Context.** The facts Gemini needs: your topic, your goal, the text to work on, what you tried already.
4. **Audience.** Who will read the answer: a general reader, a student, a developer, an academic or an executive.
5. **Tone.** How it should sound: professional, friendly, technical, neutral, philosophical or creative.
6. **Format and limits.** The shape and size of the answer: paragraphs, bullet points, steps, a table or code, a word count, and anything to leave out.

A prompt template to fill in

Role: You are a _____.
Task: _____ (write / summarize / explain...) about _____.
Context: _____.
Audience: _____.
Tone: _____.
Format: _____ of about _____ words.
Constraints: Do not _____.

Before: "Write about dogs." After: "You are a dog trainer. Write a 500-word article about dog training tips for new puppy owners, in a friendly tone, with 5 tips that each have a heading."

The six task types and when to use each

Task	Use it to	Add to your prompt
Write	Make articles, essays, stories, emails or posts	The length, the reader and the main points
Summarize	Turn a long text into key points	The text itself, the number of points, and "no new facts"
Code	Write, fix or explain code	The language, the input and output, and any error message
Solve	Work through a maths or logic problem	"Step by step" and "give the final answer on its own line"
Explain	Understand a hard topic	The reader's level and "use one everyday example"
Brainstorm	Get many ideas fast	How many ideas, the groups, and "mark your top 3"

Tone and format words

Say this	To get
"in a professional tone"	Formal, business-ready language
"in a friendly, simple way"	Warm, plain words for beginners
"as 5 bullet points"	A short list you can scan
"as numbered steps"	Instructions in order
"as a table with columns for..."	Facts side by side to compare
"in one code block, then explain it"	Code you can copy, with a short explanation

Fix a weak answer

1. **Too general?** Add your own facts: names, numbers, the text to work on, your goal.
2. **Too long or too short?** Give a word count or a number of points.
3. **Wrong level?** Say who it is for: "for a 12-year-old" or "for a senior engineer".
4. **Wrong shape?** Name the format: bullets, steps, a table or an email.
5. **Not sure what to add?** Ask Gemini to ask you 3 questions first, then answer them.

Twelve ready prompts to try

1. Write a 600-word blog post for beginners about starting a vegetable garden on a small balcony. Use a friendly tone and short paragraphs, and end with three tips to try this weekend.
2. Summarize the report I paste below for a busy executive in 5 to 7 bullet points. Start with the most important finding and do not add facts that are not in the report.
3. You are a senior Python developer. Write a function that totals monthly sales from a CSV file of orders, with type hints and short comments, then explain it in 3 sentences.
4. Solve this step by step for a high school student: a phone costs $480 after a 20% discount. What was the original price? Give the final answer on its own line.
5. Explain how photosynthesis works to a 12-year-old in two short paragraphs with one everyday comparison, then add three quiz questions with answers.
6. Brainstorm 15 names for a small bakery that sells sourdough and cinnamon buns, in three groups (playful, classic, modern), and mark your top 3 with a reason.
7. Write a polite email to my landlord asking to fix a leaking kitchen tap this week. Keep it under 120 words and professional.
8. Compare electric and gas cars for a first-time buyer in a table with columns for cost, running costs, range and upkeep. Add a two-sentence summary.
9. Explain what an API is to a small business owner with no tech background, using one restaurant example, in under 150 words.
10. Create a 5-day study plan for a biology exam on cells and genetics, one hour a day, as a table with the topic and one task for each day.
11. Review this paragraph for grammar and clarity. Show the corrected version first, then list each change in one line.
12. I want to plan a 3-day trip to Lisbon on a budget. Ask me up to 3 questions first, then write a day-by-day plan as bullet points.

Plan your prompt

Fill this in, then turn it into three Gemini prompts on the Gemini Prompt Generator.

Your topic, and what you want Gemini to do with it

Who it is for, the tone, and the format and length you want

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