AI SKILLS MADE SIMPLE

THE AI PRODUCTIVITY STARTER SYSTEM

A practical beginner toolkit for working faster, creating better content and getting more done with AI

INSIDE THE SYSTEM

150 ready-to-use prompts • 10 complete workflows • AI tool selection guide • 30-day productivity challenge • quick-start cheat sheet

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Welcome to Your AI Productivity System

AI is most useful when it becomes part of a repeatable way of working. This toolkit is designed to help a complete beginner move beyond random questions and start using AI deliberately: to think, write, research, organize, learn and create.

THE 30-DAY PROMISE

Use this system for one month and you will finish with a personal library of prompts, several repeatable workflows and a clearer sense of which AI tasks actually save you time.

How to use this toolkit

1. Start with the Simple Prompt Formula. It improves almost every prompt in this guide.
2. Choose one task you already do regularly. Do not try to automate your entire life on day one.
3. Copy a prompt, replace the [bracketed fields], run it, then refine the result.
4. Save prompts that work. Your best prompt library should become personal over time.
5. Use the 30-Day Challenge at the end to turn experimentation into a habit.

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CHAPTER 1

AI Doesn't Have to Be Complicated

You do not need to understand machine learning to benefit from AI. Think of an AI assistant as a fast collaborator: it can generate a first draft, reorganize information, suggest options, explain a difficult idea, compare alternatives and help you move from a blank page to something you can improve.

The best beginner tasks

- Drafting and rewriting
- Brainstorming and outlining
- Summarizing information you provide
- Turning notes into structured documents
- Creating checklists and plans
- Explaining unfamiliar concepts
- Generating alternatives and examples
- Preparing questions before research or meetings

Where human judgment still matters

AI gives you leverage, not responsibility-free output. You remain the editor, fact-checker and decision-maker. The strongest workflow is usually: you define the goal → AI accelerates the first pass → you review → AI helps refine → you approve the final result.

THE BEGINNER RULE

Do not ask: “What can AI do?” Ask: “Which task am I doing right now, and which part of it could AI make faster or clearer?”

CHAPTER 2

The Simple Prompt Formula

A prompt is simply the instruction you give an AI system. Better prompts reduce guessing. Use this five-part framework:

1. GOAL

State the outcome you want.

2. CONTEXT

Give the background the AI needs.

3. INSTRUCTIONS

Describe the work to perform.

4. FORMAT

Specify how the answer should be presented.

5. CONSTRAINTS

Add limits, tone, audience, length, exclusions or quality rules.

Before and after

WEAK PROMPT

Write a marketing email.

STRONGER PROMPT

Goal: write a launch email. Context: I sell a beginner AI productivity toolkit for busy freelancers. Instructions: explain the problem, show three benefits and end with one clear CTA. Format: subject line + 180-word email. Constraints: friendly, practical, no hype, no fake urgency.

The refinement loop

Your first prompt does not need to be perfect. Use follow-ups such as: “Make it shorter,” “Give me three alternatives,” “Explain why you chose this structure,” “What information is missing?” or “Critique this draft before rewriting it.”

CHAPTER 3

Build Your Personal AI Productivity System

Start with recurring work, not novelty. For one week, notice tasks that are repetitive, text-heavy, research-heavy or difficult to start.

The 4D task filter

DRAFT

Can AI create a useful first version?

DISTILL

Can AI summarize, extract or organize information?

DEVELOP

Can AI improve an idea, plan or piece of work?

DECIDE

Can AI help compare options or expose trade-offs?

Your weekly AI loop

6. Capture one recurring task.
7. Choose a prompt or workflow.
8. Run it with real context.
9. Review the output carefully.
10. Refine once or twice.
11. Save the successful version.
12. Reuse it next time and measure the time saved.

CHAPTER 4

150 Ready-to-Use AI Prompts

Replace anything inside [brackets]. These prompts are tool-agnostic: use them in a capable conversational AI and adapt them to your situation.

Productivity & Planning

1. Act as my productivity coach. I need to accomplish [goals] by [deadline]. Turn them into a realistic priority plan for today, with the three highest-impact actions first.

2. Here is my task list: [paste list]. Sort it into urgent/important, important/not urgent, delegate/automate, and low priority. Explain any assumptions.

3. Create a focused 90-minute work sprint for [task]. Break it into timed stages and include a five-minute review at the end.

4. I keep postponing [task]. Diagnose the likely friction points from this context: [context]. Suggest five practical ways to make starting easier.

5. Turn this messy brain dump into an organized action plan with headings, next actions, owners if relevant, and deadlines: [notes].

6. Design a simple weekly review checklist for someone whose priorities are [priorities]. Keep it under 15 minutes.

7. Help me estimate how long these tasks may take: [tasks]. Give low/likely/high estimates and flag uncertainty.

8. Create a morning planning routine that takes no more than [minutes] minutes and supports [goal].

9. Create an end-of-day shutdown routine that captures unfinished work and prepares tomorrow's first task.

10. Given these competing priorities [list], ask me five questions that will help determine what I should do first.

11. Turn [large project] into milestones, deliverables and next actions. Assume the deadline is [date].

12. Create a reusable checklist for [recurring task]. Include preparation, execution, quality check and completion.

13. Suggest which parts of this workflow could be automated, delegated or handled with AI: [workflow]. Do not recommend automation where human judgment is essential.

14. Build a simple decision matrix for choosing between [option A], [option B] and [option C]. Use criteria [criteria] and leave scoring editable.

15. Create a one-page personal operating system for my week based on these commitments and goals: [details].

Writing & Editing

16. Rewrite this text for clarity without changing its meaning: [text]. Use short paragraphs and natural language.

17. Edit this draft for grammar, flow and repetition. First list the three biggest problems, then provide the improved version: [draft].

18. Turn these notes into a polished [email/article/report/post] for [audience]: [notes].

19. Give me five stronger opening sentences for this draft. Keep the tone [tone]: [draft].

20. Make this writing more concise by about 30% while preserving all important information: [text].

21. Rewrite this for a complete beginner. Explain unfamiliar terms in plain English: [text].

22. Rewrite this for an expert audience. Remove unnecessary basics and make the reasoning more precise: [text].

23. Create an outline for a [length] article about [topic] for [audience]. Include the reader's main question and a practical conclusion.

24. Critique this piece as an editor. Score clarity, usefulness, structure and credibility from 1-10 and suggest specific improvements: [text].

25. Give me three versions of this paragraph: professional, friendly and persuasive: [paragraph].

26. Find claims in this draft that should be fact-checked before publication: [draft].

27. Convert this long explanation into a skimmable format using headings, bullets only where useful, and a short summary: [text].

28. Help me remove generic AI-sounding phrases from this draft and make it more specific and human: [draft].

29. Create a style guide from these writing samples: [samples]. Describe voice, sentence length, vocabulary, formatting and phrases to avoid.

30. Using this style guide [guide], rewrite the following without inventing facts: [text].

Email & Communication

31. Draft a concise email to [person] about [topic]. My goal is [goal]. Tone: [tone]. Include a clear next step.

32. Make this email warmer but still professional: [email].

33. Make this email firmer and clearer without sounding aggressive: [email].

34. Write a polite follow-up because I have not received a reply to [previous message/context].

35. Turn these meeting notes into a follow-up email with decisions, action items, owners and dates: [notes].

36. Draft a customer support reply to this message: [message]. Acknowledge the issue, explain [policy/solution], and give the next step.

37. Write three subject lines for this email, ranging from straightforward to curiosity-driven: [email].

38. Shorten this email to under [word count] words while keeping the request unmistakable: [email].

39. Help me say no to [request] while preserving the relationship. Context: [context].

40. Draft a message asking for clarification about [issue] without implying blame.

41. Write a professional introduction email connecting [person A] and [person B] for [reason].

42. Turn this emotional draft into a calm, factual message that focuses on the desired outcome: [draft].

43. Create a reusable email template for [recurring situation] with placeholders.

44. Review this message for anything that could be misunderstood. Suggest a clearer version: [message].

45. Draft a thank-you message after [event/help/purchase]. Make it specific rather than generic.

Business & Entrepreneurship

46. Act as a practical business analyst. Evaluate this idea: [idea]. Cover customer, problem, offer, competition, risks, low-cost validation and first revenue step.

47. Define the ideal customer for [product/service]. Include situation, pain points, desired outcomes, objections and buying triggers.

48. Turn this skill [skill] into five possible service offers. For each, specify buyer, deliverable, outcome and simple starting price logic.

49. Create a one-page offer for [service/product] using problem, promise, deliverables, proof needed, price positioning and CTA.

50. List ten questions I should ask potential customers before building [product]. Focus on evidence of real demand.

51. Design a seven-day validation plan for [idea] with minimal spending.

52. Analyze these customer comments/reviews and group recurring pains, desired outcomes and language customers use: [text].

53. Create a simple competitor comparison framework for [market]. Tell me what information to collect and how to avoid copying competitors.

54. Suggest five ethical ways to differentiate [offer] without competing only on price.

55. Create a basic customer journey from discovery to purchase to repeat purchase for [business].

56. Turn these features [features] into customer benefits and proof points.

57. Create a risk register for this small business idea: [idea]. Rank risks by likelihood and impact and suggest mitigations.

58. Give me ten low-cost ways to get the first ten customers for [offer] based on this audience: [audience].

59. Create a simple weekly KPI dashboard for [business type]. Limit it to metrics that can change decisions.

60. Act as a skeptical customer. List the strongest objections to buying [offer], then suggest honest ways to address them.

Marketing & Sales

61. Create three positioning angles for [offer] aimed at [audience]. Avoid exaggerated claims.

62. Write a benefit-led product description for [product] using these facts only: [facts].

63. Create five headline options for [offer]. Each should emphasize a different customer outcome.

64. Build a simple content funnel for [offer]: awareness, consideration and conversion. Give three content ideas per stage.

65. Write a landing-page outline for [offer] including hero, problem, solution, benefits, what's included, objections, FAQ and CTA.

66. Create a 7-email welcome sequence for new subscribers interested in [topic]. Give subject and purpose for each email.

67. Write a soft-sell CTA for an article about [topic] that naturally leads to [offer].

68. Turn this customer result [result] into a case-study outline without exaggerating or inventing details.

69. Generate ten social proof questions I can ask customers after they use [product].

70. Create five ethical urgency ideas for a launch that do not rely on fake scarcity.

71. Analyze this sales copy for vague claims, hype and missing proof: [copy]. Suggest a more credible version.

72. Create a simple lead magnet idea that solves one small problem for [audience] and naturally leads to [paid offer].

73. Write three ad concepts for [offer] using problem-aware, outcome-aware and comparison angles. Do not make unsupported claims.

74. Create a sales call discovery question list for [service]. Focus on fit before pitching.

75. Turn this list of features [features] into a comparison table customers can understand quickly.

Content & Social Media

76. Generate 20 content ideas for [niche] split into teach, demonstrate, compare, story and opinion categories.

77. Turn this article [paste] into five short social posts without copying sentences verbatim.

78. Create a 30-day content calendar for [platform] around [topic]. Use a mix of educational, proof, engagement and promotional posts.

79. Write a 30-second faceless video script about [topic] with hook, three beats and CTA.

80. Give me ten hooks for a short video aimed at [audience] who struggle with [problem]. Avoid clickbait.

81. Turn this FAQ [question/answer] into a carousel outline with one idea per slide.

82. Create five LinkedIn post angles from this lesson or experience: [details].

83. Write captions for [content] in three tones: educational, conversational and direct.

84. Create a repurposing plan that turns one [article/video/podcast] into ten pieces of content across [platforms].

85. Audit these content ideas [list] for repetition. Group them into themes and suggest missing angles.

86. Create a content brief for an article targeting the search intent behind [keyword]. Include reader questions and sections to cover.

87. Suggest five internal-link opportunities for this article based on these existing site topics: [topics].

88. Write a YouTube/video outline for [topic] with a strong first 30 seconds and practical examples.

89. Create a simple brand voice checklist for social posts based on [brand description].

90. Review this post for clarity, credibility and usefulness. Suggest one stronger hook and one stronger CTA: [post].

Research & Analysis

91. Help me research [topic]. First create a research plan with key questions, source types and what evidence would change the conclusion.

92. Given these sources/notes [paste], synthesize the main points, disagreements and unanswered questions. Do not add facts not present.

93. Create a comparison table for [options] using criteria [criteria]. Mark any missing information as unknown.

94. Extract claims, numbers, dates and named entities from this text into a verification checklist: [text].

95. Summarize this document for [audience] in five key points, then list important caveats: [document].

96. Identify assumptions in this argument and explain how each could be tested: [argument].

97. Generate ten high-quality research questions about [topic], moving from basic to advanced.

98. Create an evidence matrix for this question: [question]. Columns: claim, supporting evidence, opposing evidence, source, confidence.

99. Compare these two sources [A] [B]. Identify where they agree, conflict or discuss different things.

100. Turn these raw research notes into a structured briefing with executive summary, findings, implications and open questions: [notes].

101. Explain what type of primary source would be best for verifying each of these claims: [claims].

102. Create search queries I can use to investigate [topic] from multiple perspectives.

103. Review this research summary for overconfidence, missing counterarguments and unsupported conclusions: [summary].

104. Create a timeline from these dated facts: [facts]. Flag ambiguous or conflicting dates.

105. Help me distinguish facts, interpretations and predictions in this text: [text].

Learning & Study

106. Teach me [topic] as a beginner. Start with a simple mental model, then build complexity in stages.

107. Explain [concept] using one everyday analogy, one technical explanation and one worked example.

108. Create a 14-day learning plan for [skill] with 30 minutes per day and a small output each day.

109. Quiz me on [topic] with one question at a time. Adapt difficulty based on my answers and explain mistakes.

110. Turn these notes into flashcards with question on one side and concise answer on the other: [notes].

111. Create a practice exercise for [skill] at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels.

112. Explain the difference between [A] and [B] using a table and three examples.

113. Ask me diagnostic questions to find gaps in my understanding of [topic].

114. Create a one-page cheat sheet for [topic] containing core ideas, formulas/steps, common mistakes and examples.

115. Use the Feynman technique: ask me to explain [topic], then identify where my explanation is unclear or incomplete.

116. Turn this chapter/article into a study guide with learning objectives, summary, key terms and review questions: [text].

117. Create five real-world scenarios where I would apply [concept], then show the reasoning.

118. Help me memorize [information] using chunking, associations and a short retrieval practice plan.

119. Create a mock test on [topic] with answers hidden after the questions.

120. Build a learning project that proves I can use [skill] rather than just describe it.

Career & Freelancing

121. Review my experience [details] and identify five marketable skills with evidence for each.

122. Rewrite this resume bullet to emphasize action, scope and measurable result without inventing numbers: [bullet].

123. Tailor my resume summary to this job description using only facts I provide: [resume facts] [job description].

124. Generate ten likely interview questions for [role] and explain what a strong answer should demonstrate.

125. Run a mock interview for [role]. Ask one question at a time and critique my answer.

126. Turn this work experience [details] into a concise STAR interview story.

127. Create a 30-day job-search plan for [role/location/constraints] with weekly targets.

128. Help me write a proposal for this freelance project: [project]. Focus on the client's outcome, relevant proof and next step.

129. Create three service packages for my freelance skill [skill]: starter, standard and premium. Define scope and boundaries.

130. Draft a professional portfolio case-study structure for this project: [project details].

131. Identify gaps between my current skills [skills] and this role [job description], then prioritize what to learn.

132. Create a networking message to [type of person] that asks for insight rather than a job.

133. Help me prepare questions to ask an interviewer so I can judge whether [role/company] is a good fit.

134. Turn this client request [request] into a scope-of-work checklist and flag ambiguous requirements.

135. Create a weekly system for finding, qualifying and following up on freelance leads without spamming.

Creative Thinking & Problem Solving

136. Generate 20 solutions to [problem]. Group them into obvious, low-cost, unconventional and long-term ideas.

137. Use first-principles thinking to break down [problem]. Separate facts, assumptions and constraints.

138. Play devil's advocate against this plan: [plan]. Give the five strongest failure modes.

139. Create three alternative strategies for [goal]: conservative, balanced and aggressive. Explain trade-offs.

140. Use the SCAMPER method to generate improvements for [product/process/idea].

141. Find hidden assumptions in this decision: [decision/context].

142. Imagine this plan failed six months from now. Run a premortem and list likely causes plus prevention steps.

143. Help me reframe [problem] into five different problem statements that could lead to different solutions.

144. Generate analogies from three unrelated industries that might inspire solutions to [problem].

145. Create a constraint-driven solution to [problem] assuming I have only [time/budget/resources].

146. Compare short-term and long-term consequences of [decision]. Include second-order effects.

147. Turn this vague goal [goal] into a measurable problem statement and success criteria.

148. Create a decision tree for [decision] using the most important uncertainties.

149. Suggest experiments I can run in seven days to learn whether [idea] is promising.

150. Act as a red-team reviewer. Try to find weaknesses, edge cases and unintended consequences in [plan].

CHAPTER 5

10 Complete AI Workflows

1. Article Creation

Flow: Idea → research questions → outline → first draft → fact-check list → edit → headline/meta → final human review

13. Define the audience, search intent and outcome.
14. Ask AI for a research plan; gather reliable sources yourself or with a research-capable tool.
15. Create an outline that answers the reader's main questions.
16. Draft section by section instead of asking for a giant article at once.
17. Ask AI to identify claims needing verification.
18. Edit for clarity, originality and your brand voice.
19. Generate headline/meta options, then choose manually.
20. Read the final piece as the publisher and verify links/facts.

REUSABLE WORKFLOW PROMPT

I am completing this workflow: 1. Article Creation. My context is [context]. Guide me through one stage at a time. At each stage, ask for missing information, do not invent facts, and wait for my approval before moving on.

2. Weekly Planning

Flow: Brain dump → prioritize → calendar reality check → sprint plan → review

21. Paste your tasks and commitments.
22. Ask AI to group and prioritize them.
23. Add fixed appointments and realistic available hours.
24. Create daily focus blocks with buffer time.
25. At week's end, compare plan vs reality and adjust.

REUSABLE WORKFLOW PROMPT

I am completing this workflow: 2. Weekly Planning. My context is [context]. Guide me through one stage at a time. At each stage, ask for missing information, do not invent facts, and wait for my approval before moving on.

3. Research Brief

Flow: Question → plan → sources → evidence table → synthesis → caveats

26. State the decision or question clearly.
27. Generate sub-questions and source types.
28. Collect current, credible evidence.
29. Ask AI to organize evidence by claim, not just summarize.
30. Create a briefing with findings, disagreements and unknowns.

31. Verify high-stakes claims before using the brief.

REUSABLE WORKFLOW PROMPT

I am completing this workflow: 3. Research Brief. My context is [context]. Guide me through one stage at a time. At each stage, ask for missing information, do not invent facts, and wait for my approval before moving on.

4. Email Campaign

Flow: Offer → audience → sequence → drafts → subject lines → QA

32. Define one audience and one offer.
33. Map the sequence: welcome/problem/value/proof/offer/follow-up.
34. Draft one email at a time.
35. Generate multiple subject lines.
36. Check claims, links, tone and CTA consistency.
37. Send/test through your email platform.

REUSABLE WORKFLOW PROMPT

I am completing this workflow: 4. Email Campaign. My context is [context]. Guide me through one stage at a time. At each stage, ask for missing information, do not invent facts, and wait for my approval before moving on.

5. Social Content Engine

Flow: Pillar content → angles → platform formats → calendar → scripts → repurpose

38. Choose one substantial source: article, lesson or video.
39. Extract 10-15 useful ideas.
40. Match ideas to platform formats.
41. Build a two-week calendar.
42. Draft hooks/scripts/captions.
43. Track what performs and feed the learning into the next batch.

REUSABLE WORKFLOW PROMPT

I am completing this workflow: 5. Social Content Engine. My context is [context]. Guide me through one stage at a time. At each stage, ask for missing information, do not invent facts, and wait for my approval before moving on.

6. Meeting-to-Action

Flow: Agenda → notes → decisions → actions → follow-up

44. Before the meeting, ask AI to turn goals into an agenda.
45. Capture notes without sensitive data you should not upload.
46. Extract decisions, action items, owners and dates.
47. Draft the follow-up message.

48. Confirm the summary yourself before sending.

REUSABLE WORKFLOW PROMPT

I am completing this workflow: 6. Meeting-to-Action. My context is [context]. Guide me through one stage at a time. At each stage, ask for missing information, do not invent facts, and wait for my approval before moving on.

7. Customer FAQ Builder

Flow: Questions → themes → answers → policy check → publish

49. Collect real customer questions.
50. Group them into themes.
51. Draft plain-language answers from approved information.
52. Flag anything involving policy, pricing or promises for manual review.
53. Publish in a searchable FAQ and update from new questions.

REUSABLE WORKFLOW PROMPT

I am completing this workflow: 7. Customer FAQ Builder. My context is [context]. Guide me through one stage at a time. At each stage, ask for missing information, do not invent facts, and wait for my approval before moving on.

8. Product Idea Validation

Flow: Idea → customer hypothesis → interview questions → evidence → offer test

54. Write the problem and customer hypothesis.
55. Generate neutral interview questions.
56. Talk to real potential buyers.
57. Summarize patterns without letting AI invent demand.
58. Create the smallest paid or pre-launch test.
59. Decide to continue, change or stop based on evidence.

REUSABLE WORKFLOW PROMPT

I am completing this workflow: 8. Product Idea Validation. My context is [context]. Guide me through one stage at a time. At each stage, ask for missing information, do not invent facts, and wait for my approval before moving on.

9. Learning Sprint

Flow: Goal → baseline → curriculum → practice → quiz → project

60. Define what you want to be able to do.
61. Ask AI to test your baseline.
62. Build a short curriculum.
63. Learn one concept then practice it.
64. Use adaptive quizzes for retrieval.

65. Finish with a small real-world project.

REUSABLE WORKFLOW PROMPT

I am completing this workflow: 9. Learning Sprint. My context is [context]. Guide me through one stage at a time. At each stage, ask for missing information, do not invent facts, and wait for my approval before moving on.

10. Decision Support

Flow: Decision → criteria → evidence → scenarios → premortem → choice

66. Define the decision and deadline.
67. List criteria and weight them.
68. Gather evidence for each option.
69. Ask AI to compare scenarios and uncertainties.
70. Run a premortem on the leading option.
71. Make the decision yourself and record why.

REUSABLE WORKFLOW PROMPT

I am completing this workflow: 10. Decision Support. My context is [context]. Guide me through one stage at a time. At each stage, ask for missing information, do not invent facts, and wait for my approval before moving on.

CHAPTER 6

AI Tool Selection Cheat Sheet

Tools change quickly. Choose based on the job, not brand loyalty. Features, limits and availability can vary by plan and region, so confirm current details before paying.

Need	Good for	Examples to evaluate
General assistant	Drafting, explaining, brainstorming, file-based work	ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini
Current web research	Fresh information, citations, comparisons	ChatGPT Search/Deep Research, Perplexity, Gemini/Search
Visual creation	Images, layouts, social graphics	Adobe Firefly, Canva AI, image generators
Long-form writing	Drafting, editing, marketing workflows	General assistants plus specialist writing tools
Automation	Moving information between apps and repeatable actions	Automation platforms with AI features

A simple selection rule

Use the simplest tool that reliably completes the task. Add a specialist tool only when it improves quality, speed, integration or repeatability enough to justify the extra cost and learning.

CHECK BEFORE YOU PAY

Does it solve a task you repeat? Can you test the free/trial version? Does it export in the format you need? What are the usage limits? How does it handle your data? Can you cancel easily?

CHAPTER 7

AI for Work and Business

The highest-value business uses are often ordinary: faster first drafts, clearer customer communication, better meeting follow-up, structured research, reusable checklists and consistent content.

Administrative work

Turn notes into action lists, draft routine emails, build checklists and prepare agendas.

Customer work

Draft responses, organize FAQs and summarize feedback - with human review before promises or policy statements.

Sales and marketing

Clarify offers, generate angles, repurpose content and prepare discovery questions.

Operations

Document recurring processes, identify bottlenecks and create first-pass SOPs.

Business guardrail

Never let AI silently become the source of truth for pricing, contracts, customer commitments, compliance or financial decisions. Use approved data and a human approval step.

CHAPTER 8

AI for Content and Social Media

AI is strongest as a content accelerator when the ideas, experience and final judgment remain yours.

72. Start from a real audience question.
73. Use AI to expand angles, not manufacture expertise.
74. Research before making factual claims.
75. Create a strong outline before drafting.
76. Add examples, experience and brand-specific details.
77. Repurpose the finished asset across formats.
78. Review every CTA and link before publishing.

CONTENT QUALITY TEST

Before publishing, ask: Is this specific? Is it useful? Is it true? Does it sound like us? Does it add something beyond a generic summary?

CHAPTER 9

AI for Learning and Research

Use AI as a tutor and research assistant, not as an unquestioned authority. Ask it to explain, quiz, compare and expose uncertainty.

For learning

- Ask for explanations at your level.
- Request worked examples.
- Use quizzes and retrieval practice.
- Teach the concept back and ask AI to find gaps.
- Build a small project that demonstrates the skill.

For research

- Define the question before searching.
- Prefer primary and authoritative sources for important claims.
- Separate evidence from interpretation.
- Track dates: AI products change rapidly.
- Keep citations with your notes.
- Actively look for disagreement and missing evidence.

CHAPTER 10

Common AI Mistakes - and Better Habits

Vague prompts

Add goal, context, format and constraints.

One giant prompt

Break complex work into stages and review between stages.

Trusting confident answers

Verify important facts and ask for sources where appropriate.

Publishing first drafts

Edit for accuracy, specificity, voice and usefulness.

Sharing sensitive information

Minimize data and understand privacy settings/policies.

Using AI where judgment is the task

Keep humans responsible for consequential decisions.

Collecting prompts without using them

Build a small personal library around recurring work.

Paying for too many tools

Start with one general tool and add specialists only when needed.

Ignoring copyright/permissions

Use materials you have the right to use and check licensing for generated assets.

Automating a broken process

Fix the process first, then automate the stable parts.

CHAPTER 11

30-Day AI Productivity Challenge

DAY 01 Ask AI to identify five tasks in your week it could help accelerate.

DAY 02 Use the five-part prompt formula on one real task.

DAY 03 Rewrite one email for clarity and compare before/after.

DAY 04 Turn a brain dump into an action plan.

DAY 05 Create a reusable checklist for a recurring task.

DAY 06 Learn one difficult concept using analogy + example.

DAY 07 Review your first week and save your three best prompts.

DAY 08 Use AI to outline a piece of content before drafting it.

DAY 09 Repurpose one existing piece of content into three formats.

DAY 10 Create a 90-minute focus sprint for an important task.

DAY 11 Ask AI to critique a draft before rewriting it.

DAY 12 Build a decision matrix for a real choice.

DAY 13 Create a research plan before doing any searching.

DAY 14 Summarize a document and list what still needs verification.

DAY 15 Run the Meeting-to-Action workflow on notes from a real meeting or conversation.

DAY 16 Create a customer/audience FAQ from questions you already hear.

DAY 17 Turn one skill into three possible service or product offers.

DAY 18 Create a seven-day validation plan for one idea.

DAY 19 Build a simple weekly KPI or progress dashboard.

DAY 20 Ask AI to red-team one of your plans.

DAY 21 Create a personal writing or brand voice checklist.

DAY 22 Build a two-week content calendar from three core themes.

DAY 23 Practice a mock interview, sales conversation or difficult conversation.

DAY 24 Create a one-page cheat sheet for something you are learning.

DAY 25 Run a premortem on a project: imagine it failed and identify why.

DAY 26 Document one recurring process as an SOP.

DAY 27 Identify one workflow step worth automating - and one that should stay human.

DAY 28 Clean your prompt library: delete weak prompts and improve the useful ones.

DAY 29 Estimate the time you saved this month using AI and note where quality improved or declined.

DAY 30 Choose your three permanent AI workflows for next month and schedule when you will use them.

BONUS

AI Quick-Start Cheat Sheet

THE 5-PART PROMPT

GOAL → CONTEXT → INSTRUCTIONS → FORMAT → CONSTRAINTS

Five follow-ups that improve almost any result

- Ask me the questions you need before answering.
- Give me three alternatives and explain the trade-offs.
- Critique your answer for missing assumptions or weak points.
- Make this more specific to [audience/context].
- Turn this into a reusable template I can use again.

Before you use AI output

- Check facts and dates.
- Remove invented details.
- Protect private information.
- Add your own experience and judgment.
- Confirm links, calculations and claims.
- Make sure the final result serves the real goal.

Your personal prompt vault

Create one document with four columns: Task | Prompt | What to customize | Last result/lesson. Every time a prompt saves you time, add it. In a few weeks you will have a system built around your own work.

Final Thoughts: Make AI Useful, Not Complicated

The goal is not to use AI everywhere. The goal is to remove friction from work that matters. Start with one recurring task, build one reliable prompt, turn it into one repeatable workflow and improve it through use.

Thirty days from now, success is not knowing every AI tool. Success is having a small set of dependable ways to think, write, research, plan and create more effectively.

YOUR NEXT ACTION

Choose one prompt from this toolkit and use it on a real task today. Save the result, improve the prompt once, and place the final version in your personal prompt vault.

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