

Where Bad Prompts Go to Get Fixed Sample Answer Key

Case 1 - Bad Prompt: "Write about dogs."

What's wrong with it? Too vague-doesn't say what aspect of dogs, what format, or for what audience.

Improved Prompt: "Write a one-paragraph explanation of why golden retrievers are often chosen as service dogs, using simple language for a middle school reader."

Case 2 - Bad Prompt: "Tell me about history."

What's wrong with it? Way too broad-history of what? Time period? Country? Event?

Improved Prompt: "Summarize the causes of the American Revolution in 5-6 sentences, highlighting at least three key events."

Case 3 - Bad Prompt: "Make a story."

What's wrong with it? No topic, genre, or length given-AI won't know what kind of story to make.

Improved Prompt: "Write a short adventure story (around 200 words) about a kid who discovers a secret door in their school library."

Case 4 - Bad Prompt: "Explain science."

What's wrong with it? Science is huge-this could mean biology, chemistry, physics, or anything.

Improved Prompt: "Explain the process of photosynthesis in simple terms that a 5th grader could understand, using no more than 5 sentences."

Case 5 - Bad Prompt: "Describe a character."

What's wrong with it? Doesn't say what kind of character or for what purpose.

Improved Prompt: "Describe a villain for a mystery story, including their appearance, personality traits, and one unusual hobby."

Case 6 - Bad Prompt: "Write a poem."

What's wrong with it? Too open-ended-AI could produce anything from a limerick to free verse.

Improved Prompt: "Write a four-line rhyming poem about how it feels to wake up early on the first day of school."