



## When Prompts Won't Shut Up

Sometimes prompts ramble on like that one uncle who takes *ten minutes* to tell you a story that could've been two sentences. The problem? Overstuffed instructions can be confusing and harder to answer. Great prompts don't waste words - they say exactly what they mean.

Your job: **trim the fat**. Take a long-winded prompt and rewrite it in **20 words or fewer** while keeping it effective, clear, and answerable. Think of it like carving a block of marble: the masterpiece is already there, you just need to chip away the extra.

**Read the long-winded prompt carefully. Decide what's essential (the core task, topic, or requirement). Rewrite the prompt in 20 words or fewer.**

**1. Long-Winded Prompt:** Could you please provide a detailed explanation, including at least two examples, of how the invention of the printing press influenced European society in the 15th and 16th centuries, especially in terms of spreading knowledge and ideas to a wider population?

**Minimalist Rewrite (20 words max):**

**2. Long-Winded Prompt:** Write a paragraph that describes, with supporting evidence, why exercise is important for human health, paying particular attention to at least three different physical or mental benefits that regular exercise can provide to people of all ages.

**Minimalist Rewrite (20 words max):**

**3. Long-Winded Prompt:** Please craft a short but informative piece of writing that explains the major environmental effects of climate change, making sure to address not only global warming but also rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and the impact on animal habitats.

**Minimalist Rewrite (20 words max):**

**4. Long-Winded Prompt:** In your response, discuss the similarities and differences between two characters from the same novel, making sure to focus on how their motivations, choices, and actions shape the outcome of the story, while also noting any lessons readers can learn from them.

**Minimalist Rewrite (20 words max):**