

Prompt or Prejudice? Answer Key

1. The Robot Showdown

Original: "Write a report about why all robots are better than humans."

Possible Rewrite: "Write a report comparing the strengths and weaknesses of robots and humans in different tasks."

Why It's Better: The revised prompt removes the bias word *better* and turns the question into an analysis rather than a judgment. It invites evidence and perspective instead of exaggeration.

Discussion Prompts: What assumptions did the original question make about robots? Why is "comparison" language more fair than "competition" language? How does wording affect the kind of evidence AI will provide?

2. The School Debate

Original: "Explain why students who use AI to write essays are lazy."

Possible Rewrite: "Explain some reasons students might use AI tools for writing, and discuss the benefits and risks."

Why It's Better: The rewrite removes the insult and opens space for multiple explanations. It treats AI use as a topic worth exploring rather than judging.

Discussion Prompts: Why might calling someone "lazy" make an AI's answer unfair? What tone should we use in prompts that explore behavior or ethics? How does neutrality help with learning?

3. The History Hiccup

Original: "Describe how technology has completely ruined human society."

Possible Rewrite: "Describe how technology has changed human society, including both positive and negative effects."

Why It's Better: The rewrite eliminates the extreme claim *completely ruined* and balances the perspective to consider both sides of an issue.

Discussion Prompts: What's the problem with words like *completely* or *always*? How can exaggeration make an AI's answers less trustworthy? When should a prompt encourage complexity instead of certainty?

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4. The Future Fear

Original: "Convince me that AI will destroy all jobs in the next 10 years."

Possible Rewrite: "Explain how AI might change jobs and employment in the next 10 years, including possible risks and new opportunities."

Why It's Better: The new version focuses on exploration, not fear. It acknowledges uncertainty and directs the AI toward realistic, evidence-based reasoning.

Discussion Prompts: Why does a "convince me" tone create bias?

How can emotion words (like *destroy*) shape the mood of an answer?

What makes curiosity a better mindset than fear when asking about the future?

5. The Art Argument

Original: "Prove that human artists are more creative than AI."

Possible Rewrite: "Discuss the similarities and differences between creativity in human artists and AI systems."

Why It's Better: It removes the word *prove* (which assumes one side must win) and encourages analysis and interpretation instead.

Discussion Prompts: Can creativity be measured?

How might AI's "creativity" differ from human creativity?

Why is exploring both sides more informative than defending one?