

What Exactly Is a ChatGPT Prompt?

ChatGPT is a special computer program that can have conversations with people. You can ask it questions, tell it to explain something, or even request a story or a poem. But before ChatGPT can respond, it needs you to give it a **prompt**.

A prompt is the set of words you type into the box. It is your way of telling ChatGPT what you want. Think of a prompt like a set of instructions. If you ask, *"Tell me about dolphins,"* ChatGPT will know to give you facts about dolphins. If you type, *"Write a bedtime story about a dolphin who wants to fly,"* the program will try to make up a story that matches your idea.

Prompts can be short, but short prompts often lead to simple answers. For example, if you just type *"Explain space,"* ChatGPT might give you a very general answer. If you want something more helpful, you can add details. A longer prompt might be: *"Explain space to me as if I am in third grade. Use simple words and make it fun."* That version gives ChatGPT clues about how it should answer.

The quality of your prompt makes a big difference. Clear and detailed prompts usually bring clearer and more useful answers. It is almost like being a coach: the better the directions you give, the better the results you see. Writing a good prompt is a skill, and the more you practice, the better your conversations with ChatGPT will become.

1. What is a ChatGPT prompt?

- A. A type of computer B. The words you type to tell ChatGPT what you want
C. A story that ChatGPT writes D. A dolphin who wants to fly

2. What happens if your prompt is short and unclear?

- A. ChatGPT gives a simple or general answer
B. ChatGPT refuses to answer
C. ChatGPT gives you a very detailed answer
D. ChatGPT writes a story about space

3. Which of these is the BEST example of a detailed prompt?

- A. "Explain space." B. "Tell me something."
C. "Explain space to me as if I am in third grade. Use simple words and make it fun."
D. "Write."

4. What does the passage compare writing a prompt to?

- A. Cooking dinner B. Playing soccer with friends
C. Building a rocket D. Being a coach who gives directions

5. What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. Dolphins are fun to read about in stories
B. ChatGPT only likes long questions
C. A good prompt is clear and detailed, and it helps ChatGPT give better answers
D. ChatGPT is smarter than teachers

