

Prompt Power-Up: Choose the Strongest Prompt Answer Key

1. Weak Prompt: Tell me about shoes.

a) Write a 3-paragraph article about how basketball shoes are designed to support athletes' movements.

Why? It gives a clear focus (basketball shoes), a format (3 paragraphs), and a purpose (explain design).

2. Weak Prompt: Explain cooking.

c) Write step-by-step directions for making scrambled eggs, as if you're teaching someone who has never cooked before.

Why? It specifies the task, audience, and detail level — much stronger than a vague "explain cooking."

3. Weak Prompt: Write a letter.

b) Write a polite thank-you letter to a teacher who helped you succeed this year, using at least three specific examples.

Why? Clear type of letter, tone, and content expectations (three examples).

4. Weak Prompt: Describe a park.

d) Write a travel brochure paragraph describing Central Park in New York City, highlighting attractions for families, athletes, and tourists.

Why? Specific location, format (brochure paragraph), and audience (travelers).

5. Weak Prompt: Teach me about money.

b) Write a short guide explaining how to make a weekly budget for a teenager, with examples of income and expenses.

Why? Narrow focus (budgeting for teens), gives structure (a guide), and includes examples.

6. Weak Prompt: Explain transportation.

a) Write a comparison of cars, trains, and airplanes, focusing on their speed, cost, and environmental impact.

Why? It defines the scope (three modes of transport), the categories to compare, and purpose (comparison).

7. Weak Prompt: Write about video games.

b) Write a review of your favorite video game, explaining the storyline, graphics, and one thing you would improve.

Why? It provides a clear task (review), criteria (storyline, graphics, improvement), and personal connection.