Building Blocks of a Great Prompt: Task, Context, and Clarity

When you write a prompt for ChatGPT, it helps to think about three important building blocks: **task, context, and clarity**.

The **task** is what you want ChatGPT to do. Do you want it to explain, to write a story, to answer a question, or to make a list? For example, if you say, *"Write a poem,"* your task is asking for a poem.

The **context** is the extra information that makes your prompt stronger. Context gives ChatGPT clues. For example, if you say, *"Write a poem about a dog who loves soccer,"* you have given context about the topic and the details you want included.

The last building block is **clarity**. This means making your words easy to understand. A clear prompt tells ChatGPT exactly what you want without being confusing. If you write, *"Tell me about a dog,"* ChatGPT will not know if you want a story, a report, or a poem. But if you write, *"Write three sentences that tell a funny story about a dog who gets muddy,"* your request is clear.

When you put task, context, and clarity together, you build a great prompt. Good prompts are like good instructions-they make it easy for ChatGPT to give you the kind of answer you want.

1. What are the three building blocks of a great prompt?

2. What does "task" mean in a prompt? Give an example.

3. Why is context important in a prompt?

4. What does clarity mean when writing a prompt?

5. Rewrite this unclear prompt to make it clear and detailed:
"Tell me about a dog."