

AI Prompt Hacks

I'm starting a collection of good prompt hacks I find. I'll update this thread as I find more, so bookmark it.

Don't Sugar Coat It

Before you ask your question, say this:

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You're my ruthless mentor. Don't sugar coat anything. If my idea is weak, call it trash and tell me why. Your job is to test everything until I say it's bulletproof.
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You'll see that ChatGPT is not gonna be your friend anymore and it's actually gonna give you solid advice.

Decision Tree Help

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Help me make this decision using a decision tree. Start by asking up to 10 clarifying questions, one at a time. Then build a simple decision tree and recommend the best path based on my answers.
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In a [podcast conversation with Michael Herman](#) (lead AI expert facilitator at the Serpico AI Learning Center and my brother), he described using AI to “work through the decision tree” when you’re stuck—like planning RV travel or deciding where to move next. Instead of asking AI for the answer, ask it to guide your thinking: clarify the goal, ask the right questions, and map options step-by-step.

New to AI?

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I'm new to using AI. Ask me 8 questions about my work and life, then give me 10 specific ways I can use AI weekly (with example prompts for each).
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Accelerate Your Hobbies

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I'm working on [hobby/project]. I'm at level [beginner/intermediate]. Build me a 14-day plan with daily steps under 20 minutes.

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