20 ChatGPT Prompts That Actually Work

For Writers, Educators & Students

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A Note from the Muse

Need a spark to get words flowing? These AI prompts aren't generic—they're tested, soulful, and designed to help you write what matters. Whether you're crafting fiction, building lesson plans, or revising essays, there's something here for you.

For Writers

- 1. "Give me 3 unexpected metaphors for grief, written in the style of a 1940s noir detective."
- 2. "Write a short internal monologue for a character who just lied and instantly regretted it. Use sensory details and one surprise emotion."
- 3. "Brainstorm 5 scene ideas that show, not tell, a character's fear of abandonment no dialogue."
- 4. "Rewrite this paragraph in the tone of someone who is secretly heartbroken but pretending to be fine."
- 5. "Outline a story using this structure: opening image, inciting incident, midpoint reversal, dark night of the soul, resolution."

For Educators

- 6. "Create a 10-minute journaling exercise for students to reflect on resilience, inspired by a metaphor from nature."
- 7. "Explain metaphor and simile using simple examples, plus one creative exercise students can try today."
- 8. "Generate 3 creative writing prompts that help students explore conflict without violence."

- 9. "Design a 20-minute mini-lesson on tone using short excerpts from classic literature and student-friendly language."
- 10. "List 5 reflective prompts students can use after reading a novel, designed to build empathy and critical thinking."

For Students (Revision & Clarity)

- 11. "Check this paragraph for grammar and punctuation, then explain one mistake I tend to repeat and how to fix it."
- 12. "Rewrite this sentence to make it more concise and powerful, without losing meaning."
- 13. "Highlight any vague or weak words in this essay and suggest stronger alternatives."
- 14. "Explain the tone of this paragraph. Does it match the purpose of the writing? If not, suggest a fix."
- 15. "Evaluate this essay using a 5-point rubric for clarity, coherence, grammar, tone, and organization."

6 Bonus Flex Prompts

- 16. "Summarize this scene using the voice of a sarcastic narrator. Then rewrite it in a hopeful tone."
- 17. "List 5 possible 'what if' scenarios based on this real-world headline."
- 18. "Take this dull sentence and turn it into a vivid moment with action, emotion, and imagery."
- 19. "Pretend you're a writing coach. Give me constructive feedback on this paragraph's pacing and structure."
- 20. "Give me a motivational quote about writing, then turn it into a 3-line free verse poem."

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