

Optimized Prompt Structure for GPT

1. Goal (What You Want)

Tell the model exactly what outcome you want in 1-2 clear sentences. For best results, repeat the goal at the end.

Example: 'I want a list of the best medium-length hikes within two hours of San Francisco.'

2. Return Format (How to Structure the Output)

List precisely what details you want in the response and how they should be organized.

Example: 'For each hike, return the name as listed on AllTrails, starting address, ending address, distance, drive time, hike duration, and what makes it unique.'

3. Instructions / Constraints (Rules or Filters)

Clarify what should be excluded or carefully verified.

Example: 'Make sure the trail name is accurate, the hike exists, and time estimates are correct.'

4. Context Dump (Optional Background Info)

Optionally, give informal or emotional context to help guide tone or relevance.

Example: 'My girlfriend and I hike a lot and want something new and special before she travels for work.'

Don't forget, Repeat the Goal.

Simple Fill-in Template

I want [your specific goal].

For each result, include [detailed return format - fields, structure, # of items].

Please make sure [rules, warnings, exclusions].

Context: [any emotional or lifestyle detail, optional but helpful].

Remember, I want [your specific goal].