

FOR ENGLISH TEACHERS

40 chat prompts

# Prompts for English Teachers.

*Ready-to-use prompts for planning, teaching and reflection.*

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# Glossary

A few terms that recur throughout this guide. If you already know them, skip ahead to the framework on the next page.

## AI — Artificial Intelligence

An attempt to make machines mimic brain functions — to "think" and learn roughly the way humans do. We don't fully understand how the brain works, but we can try to replicate the parts we do understand.

## Prompt

An instruction given to a chatbot to get a desired response or task performed.

## Iterate

After receiving a response from a chatbot, you refine and clarify the parts you're not satisfied with — sharpening the answer until it's what you want. The better your starting prompt, the fewer iterations you'll need.

## Chatbot

A chatbot has been trained to find patterns in large amounts of text. It uses those patterns to generate a response to your prompt. The answer is produced in real time.

## GPT

The underlying model (Generative Pre-trained Transformer) that a chatbot uses. The same GPT can power different chatbots — for example, Copilot and ChatGPT have both used OpenAI's GPT.

## Generative AI

AI that creates (generates) text, images, video, or sound in real time when prompted to do so.

## Bias

AI responses can be skewed or partial, depending on the data the AI was trained on and the biases present in that data. These biases are harder to spot in chatbots than in image-generating AI.

## Hallucination

The text you receive from a chatbot is based on patterns in its training data, but word generation also involves randomness — meaning generated words can sometimes create a meaning that simply isn't true.

## A framework for writing your own prompts

**Role:** Act as an experienced physics teacher.

**Task:** Create a lesson plan that introduces year 8 students to optics.

**Context:** I teach at a middle school, have 25 students in my class, and the lesson is 60 minutes long.

**Format:** Link content and activities to the physics curriculum and give me a plan that describes each part of the lesson and the materials required.

**Tone:** Use a formal but friendly tone.

## A few chatbots to know

AI can also generate images and more, but we focus here on chat capabilities.

**ChatGPT** — OpenAI's chatbot

**Gemini** — Google's chatbot

**NotebookLM** — Google's tool that can, among other things, generate a two-voice podcast

**Copilot** — Microsoft's chatbot

**Claude** — Anthropic's chatbot

**Perplexity** — From San Francisco, was early to include source links

**Duck AI** — DuckDuckGo's chatbot, lets you pick among several GPTs

**Mistral AI** — A chatbot from France

Most chatbots have age restrictions.

## How to use the prompts

All the prompts are starting points — examples to get you going. Adapt them to fit your context.

After using a chatbot for a while, you'll learn what kinds of prompts work better or worse. Try the same prompt twice — first as-is, then with the prefix "Act as an experienced expert teacher in [subject]" — and see whether the quality of the response improves. A good response means a good prompt. A poor response means the prompt needs more context or adjustment. Some chatbots are better than others at certain tasks, so if you're not satisfied despite multiple tries, consider switching chatbot.

### Brackets and privacy

You paste the prompt text into the chatbot's input field. Wherever brackets *[like this]* appear, replace the text inside with whatever fits your context.

**Always double-check the responses** — chatbot output is not guaranteed to be accurate.

**Note:** Think carefully before uploading texts or documents. Never upload personal data or sensitive information. Mind GDPR.

# English Teachers

- 01 Create a lesson plan for a *[grade X]* English class that meets the curriculum goals for *[specific focus, e.g. oral communication]*, including three activities and a warm-up.
- 02 Give me five strategies for motivating a *[grade X]* student who is uncertain about speaking English, with an encouraging idea for each.
- 03 Write a short guide for teaching a *[grade X]* class the basics of *[specific skill, e.g. writing a story]*, with three steps and an example.
- 04 Suggest three ways to integrate *[specific theme, e.g. culture in English-speaking countries]* into an English lesson for a *[grade X]* class, with one activity for each.
- 05 Create a list of five short encouraging phrases in English to build the confidence of a *[grade X]* student during a language exercise.
- 06 Give me an example of a routine for starting an English lesson with a *[grade X]* class, with three steps and a simple conversation exercise.
- 07 Suggest three ways to use everyday topics (e.g. *[specific subject, e.g. leisure]*) in an English lesson for a *[grade X]* class, with one exercise for each.
- 08 Write a short template for a 10-minute closing routine for an English lesson with a *[grade X]* class, with three components (e.g. reflection, showcase).
- 09 Give me five ideas for making an English lesson for a *[grade X]* class more playful, with a focus on *[specific goal, e.g. vocabulary]*, and one game for each.
- 10 Create a list of three short reflection questions in English for a *[grade X]* class after a lesson on *[specific theme, e.g. friendship]*, to capture their thoughts.

- 11 Suggest three ways to collaborate with Social Studies teachers at a *[primary school]* to connect English to *[specific theme, e.g. global issues]*, with one idea for each.
- 12 Give me an example of a simple assessment of a *[grade X]* class's oral skills in English, with three criteria.
- 13 Write a list of five resources (e.g. apps, books) for an English lesson with a *[grade X]* class that support *[specific goal, e.g. reading comprehension]*.
- 14 Suggest three ways to adapt an English lesson for a *[grade X]* student with *[specific need, e.g. dyslexia]*, with one solution for each.
- 15 Create a template for a weekly English plan for a *[grade X]* class, with three focus areas (e.g. listening, speaking, writing).
- 16 Give me five ideas for using minimal resources in an English lesson with a *[grade X]* class to practise *[specific goal, e.g. dialogues]*, with one example for each.
- 17 Suggest three ways to introduce a *[grade X]* class to *[specific genre, e.g. poetry]*, with one hands-on exercise for each.
- 18 Write a short guide for managing a quiet *[grade X]* class during an English lesson, with three steps and one conversation starter.
- 19 Give me an example of an English lesson for a *[grade X]* class that combines language with *[specific theme, e.g. the environment]*, with three components.
- 20 Create a list of three short ways to collaborate with the school library at a *[primary school]* to reinforce *[specific goal, e.g. reading]*, with one example for each.
- 21 Create a lesson for a *[grade X]* class in which they write a short story in English about *[specific theme, e.g. a future world]*, with three steps and one learning objective.

22 Give me five ways to make a listening exercise more engaging for a *[grade X]* class, with one creative twist for each.

23 Write a short guide for teaching a *[grade X]* class to deliver a simple presentation in English, with three steps and one example topic.

24 Suggest three ways to connect an English lesson for a *[grade X]* class to *[specific theme, e.g. digital communication]*, with one exercise for each.

25 Create a list of five short conversation starters in English for a *[grade X]* class that build *[specific goal, e.g. spontaneity]*, with a description for each.

26 Give me an example of a routine for closing an English lesson for a *[grade X]* class with a short dialogue, with three steps.

27 Suggest three ways to use digital tools (e.g. *[specific tool, e.g. Quizlet]*) in an English lesson for a *[grade X]* class, with one task for each.

28 Write a short template for a 5-minute reflection in English after a lesson with a *[grade X]* class, with three questions about their learning.

29 Give me five ideas for integrating games into an English lesson for a *[grade X]* class, with a focus on *[specific goal, e.g. grammar]*, and one game for each.

30 Create a list of three short ways to support a *[grade X]* student who is struggling with *[specific skill, e.g. pronunciation]* in English, with one example for each.

31 Suggest three ways to collaborate with music teachers at a *[primary school]* to connect English to *[specific theme, e.g. song lyrics]*, with one idea for each.

32 Give me an example of a simple plan for teaching a *[grade X]* class to write a letter in English over one lesson, with three steps.

33 Write a list of five simple texts or songs for a *[grade X]* class that reinforce *[specific goal, e.g. vocabulary]*, with a rationale for each.

34 Suggest three ways to manage a *[grade X]* class that is reluctant to participate in an English lesson, with one method for each.

35 Create a template for a term plan for English for a *[grade X]* class, with three focus areas (e.g. reading, writing, speaking) and timeframes.

36 Give me five ideas for setting up a simple classroom debate in English with a *[grade X]* class, with minimal preparation, and one topic for each.

37 Suggest three ways to introduce a *[grade X]* class to *[specific language concept, e.g. idiomatic expressions]*, with one exercise for each.

38 Write a short guide for supporting a *[grade X]* student with *[specific need, e.g. language difficulties]* during an English lesson, with three steps.

39 Give me an example of a lesson for a *[grade X]* class that combines English with *[specific theme, e.g. technology]*, with three components.

40 Create a list of three short ways to collaborate with the student council at a *[primary school]* to reinforce *[specific goal, e.g. English communication]*, with one example for each.

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