

MODULE 2 · WEEK 2 · LESSON 1

Prompting 101: The Anatomy of a Prompt That Works

Role, Task, Context, Format, Constraints

WHAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DO

- Name the five parts of a strong prompt
- Rewrite a weak prompt into a structured one
- Explain why vague prompts produce vague answers

LESSON CONTENT

The RT-CFC frame

Role: who the AI should be. Task: the one job, in verbs. Context: the facts it cannot guess. Format: exactly how the output should look. Constraints: length, tone, what to avoid. Five lines, dramatically better output.

Weak vs strong, side by side

Weak: 'Write about climate change.' Strong: 'You are a science teacher for Grade 9 learners in Eswatini. Explain three causes of climate change in 150 words, using one local example. Output as three bullet points, simple English, no jargon.' Same topic, completely different result.

One task per prompt

Models degrade when a prompt smuggles in five jobs. Split multi-job requests into a chain of prompts, feeding each answer into the next. Sequencing is a Module 2 superpower.

KEY TERMS

Prompt	The instruction text you give a model.
Role prompting	Assigning the model a persona/expertise.
Constraints	Explicit limits: length, tone, exclusions.
Chain prompting	Splitting one big job into ordered prompts.

HANDS-ON TASK

Prompt surgery · Tools: Any free chatbot

1. Take 3 weak prompts you have used before.
2. Rewrite each with Role, Task, Context, Format, Constraints.
3. Run old and new versions; screenshot the difference for your PoE.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- ✓ Before you go, three takeaways from this lesson.
- ✓ One: Name the five parts of a strong prompt.
- ✓ Two: Rewrite a weak prompt into a structured one.
- ✓ Three: Explain why vague prompts produce vague answers.

- ✓ And your hands-on task: prompt surgery.
- ✓ Take 3 weak prompts you have used before.
- ✓ When it is done, mark the lesson complete on your dashboard, keep the artifact for your portfolio, and step into the next lesson.
- ✓ I will see you there.

Watch the lesson video on your dashboard, complete the task, then mark the lesson complete. Your artifact belongs in your Portfolio of Evidence.