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STOP USING CLAUDE WRONG

A beginner's guide to clearer prompts and more useful AI answers.



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THE SPARK METHOD / 30 READY-TO-ADAPT PROMPTS

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Meet SPARK

SPARK is this guide's practical checklist for writing a clearer brief. Use the parts that matter for your task; you do not need all five every time. It is an independent teaching tool, not an official Anthropic method or a guarantee of results.

1. **S: Situation**
   The background. Who you are, what is going on, what Claude needs to know.
2. **P: Purpose**
   The goal. What you want to achieve with the result.
3. **A: Audience**
   Who will read, hear or use what Claude produces.
4. **R: Rules**
   The limits. Length, tone, things to include, things to avoid.
5. **K: Kind of output**
   The format. Email, table, list, outline, script, checklist.



S is for Situation

Start with a sentence or two that sets the scene. This is the single biggest upgrade most people can make, because it replaces Claude's guesses with facts.

COPY-PASTE PROMPT | SITUATION EXAMPLE

```
I run a small bakery with two employees. We sell mostly to people in our neighborhood
and have about 1,200 followers on Instagram.
```

NOTICE THE PATTERN
None of these prompts is long. Each one is only three or four sentences. The difference is that every sentence carries information Claude could not have guessed.

Your fill-in-the-blank SPARK template

Copy this into a notes app and keep it handy. Fill in the brackets, delete anything that does not apply, and send.

COPY-PASTE PROMPT | SPARK TEMPLATE

```
[S] Here's the situation: [who you are, what's happening, any key background].

[P] My goal is: [what you want the result to achieve].

[A] This is for: [who will read or use it].

[R] Rules: [length, tone, must include, must avoid].

[K] Please give me: [format, and how many options].
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When to skip SPARK

SPARK is for tasks that matter. For quick questions like “What's a synonym for tired?” or “Convert 3 cups to milliliters,” just ask. Using a framework for everything would be like writing a formal letter to ask a friend for the salt.