

Intro to AI Prompting for Language Teachers

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Discussion

Prompting demo

Try it yourself

Report back

What is a prompt?

A piece or series of instructions

Instructions and a set of parameters for a solution, a set of detailed instructions (background materials and files).

A request or a command

A prompt is a conversation starter. It can be a set of instructions and parameters for a desired result, including all of the background info and materials. We can use it to ask the AI what it can do.

Input that can take different forms: a question, a set of instructions, etc.

A detailed description of what you need

It is a detailed set of instructions, which should include the context of what you do and what you need help with

"A prompt is an instruction or cue that you give to a generative AI model assistant to help create the information you are looking for. By providing a prompt an AI model will use what it has learned through its training to generate the best response it can for you."

- Teachers College Libraries

What are the qualities of an effective prompt?

Detailed

concise

Context

precise

Efficient

Specific

contextual to language
learning

specificity

What are the qualities of an effective prompt?

carefully chosen

audience specific

Generally
knowledgeable about
the subject

skeptical

What are the qualities of an effective AI user?

Inquisitive

Someone NOT climate-conscious

You have to believe it can be useful.

Pedagogical Skills

Critical thinker

A good reader

Critical Reader

Fact checker

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You have to know what a good activity or exercise is!

Set me a conversation about greetings on elders

Are gettings to elders in swahili culturally based

I teach swahili and culture

Can you answer questions in swahili