

How to Make Your AI Prompts Shine:

A Quick Guide for Seniors

Three Key Tips in One Word Each:

We can sum each tip up in just one word.

1. **Specific:** That's the magic word for being detailed and descriptive.
 2. **Steps:** That's the word for asking for a step-by-step guide or examples.
 3. **Refine:** And that's the word for tweaking or iterating if they need to adjust their prompt.
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Example in Action:

- **Not Specific:** "Tell me about gardening."
- **Specific Version:** "I want to start a small flower garden in my 6x6-foot backyard. Can you give me a step-by-step guide and a couple of easy flowers to start with?"

1. BASIC THOUGHT (Not Specific)

Thought:

"It's time to pick my Medicare supplemental plan."

If they typed this as a prompt, the AI might give:

A broad explanation of what Medicare Supplement plans are, without telling them which one might fit *their* needs.

2. SPECIFIC

Specific Prompt:

"I am 70, on Medicare Part A and B, and it's time to choose a Medicare Supplemental (Medigap) plan. I want something with predictable costs and the ability to see any doctor who accepts Medicare. Can you explain the main differences between Plans G, N, and High-Deductible G in simple terms?"

Why this works:

They provided age, what parts they have, their priorities, and the exact plans they're considering.

3. SPECIFIC + STEPS

Specific + Steps Prompt:

"I am 70, on Medicare Part A and B, and need to choose a Medicare Supplemental (Medigap) plan. I want predictable costs and freedom to see any doctor who accepts Medicare.

*Can you give me a **step-by-step guide** to choosing a plan, including:*

- 1. What to compare,*
- 2. How Plan G, Plan N, and High-Deductible G differ, and*
- 3. How to estimate yearly costs?"**

Why this works:

Clear goals + specific plans + a structured request = far more actionable.

4. REFINED (Based on the AI's First Step-by-Step Answer)

After reading the AI's first response, the user might refine like this:

Refined Prompt:

"Thanks — that helps. Can you simplify the comparison even more and focus only on the differences that matter most for someone who visits the doctor a few times a year but wants to avoid surprise bills? Also, include an example yearly cost comparison using typical premiums."

Why this works:

They learned from the first answer and narrowed the focus:

- simpler explanation,
- only relevant differences,
- avoids surprise bills,
- wants an example with real numbers.

