



RESOURCE GUIDE • AI, MADE PRACTICAL

Five prompts to try this week.

Anthropic just released Opus 5.5, the newest version of its most capable Claude model. It costs about 40% less to run, answers roughly 30% faster, and writes more like a colleague and less like a committee. You do not need to understand the technology to benefit from it. You need five good prompts. Here they are, with the exact wording to steal.

COST PER TASK VS. PREVIOUS OPUS

-40%

OUTPUT SPEED

+30%

RE-READING YOUR FILES (CACHE READS)

-60%

SLIDES, DOCS, SPREADSHEETS

finished files

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CHANGE 01

It costs less

About **40% cheaper** per task than the model it replaces. The biggest cut is on cache reads — the cost of the model re-reading your documents on every turn — down **60%**. Long working sessions just got affordable.

CHANGE 02

It runs faster

Output arrives roughly **30% faster**, and the model uses fewer tokens to get to the same answer. Less waiting between replies means you finish the task in one sitting.

CHANGE 03

It writes like a person

The most important information comes first, answers are skimmable, and it tells you plainly what to do next. Less decoding, more deciding.

HOW TO READ THIS

Each move is one prompt, one example from a real business workflow, and the exact wording to copy. All performance figures are Anthropic's own numbers from its launch webinar — vendor claims, labeled as such. The last page tells you where to go next.

MOVE 01

Ask for the finished file

The old habit: ask for help, get an outline, then spend an hour building the thing yourself. The new habit: describe the finished deliverable and take the file. Opus 5.5 is trained for end-to-end work — a complete spreadsheet, a formatted document, a real slide deck — in one prompt, more often than not.



FIGURE 1 – ONE PROMPT IN, A FILE YOU CAN SEND OUT

TRY IT – COPY THIS

"Here is my sales data for the year so far [attach file]. Build me the finished spreadsheet: monthly totals by product line, a summary tab with the three numbers an owner should watch, and a chart tab. Give me the file, not an outline of one."

HERE'S THE READ

If the first draft is 80% right, you just bought back your afternoon. Edit the 20% — that is still the fastest spreadsheet you have ever made.

MOVE 02

Hand it your longest document

Every business has the document nobody has fully read: the lease, the supplier agreement, the 40-page plan. Opus 5.5 is trained to pay closer attention to detail than any previous Opus — it reads the whole thing and lists every mistake, inconsistency, and number that does not match across pages, with the page each one sits on. In Anthropic's own testing, it caught a chart in a report that disagreed with the figures in the matching slide deck.

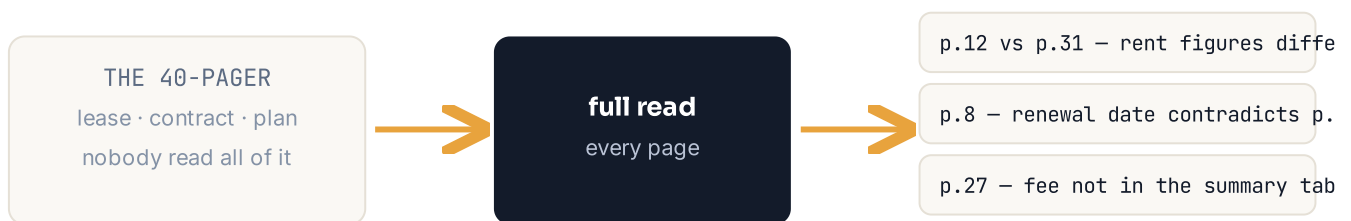


FIGURE 2 — A SECOND SET OF EYES THAT READS EVERY PAGE

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"Here is my [lease / supplier contract / annual plan — attach the file]. Read all of it. List every mistake, inconsistency, or number that does not match across pages, and tell me the page each one is on. Do not summarize the document — I only want the problems."

HERE'S THE READ

This is not a legal review — your attorney still reads the things that matter. It is the five-minute pass that catches the mismatch before you sign, renew, or present.

MOVE 03

Ask the question you've been sitting on

Should we raise prices? Open a second location? Drop a product line? These questions usually die in a notebook because answering them properly takes a week you do not have. Opus 5.5 is built for longer, open-ended research: it pulls sources together, works through long documents, and hands back a memo or a deck that reads like a person wrote it — conclusion first.

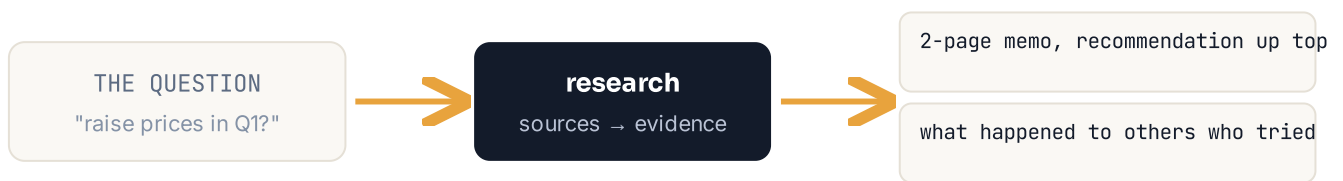


FIGURE 3 — THE NOTEBOOK QUESTION, ANSWERED IN AN AFTERNOON

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"I am deciding whether to raise prices about 8% next quarter. Research how businesses like mine in [your industry] have handled price increases in the last two years — what happened to their customer retention and their revenue. Give me a two-page memo with a clear recommendation at the top."

HERE'S THE READ

You will not always take the recommendation. You will always be better informed making the call — and the memo is yours to argue with.

MOVE 04

Ask for something visual

Opus 5.5 is the strongest Opus yet at reading and producing visuals. That makes it genuinely useful for prototyping: a landing page sketch for the new service, a simple site for the side project, a diagram that explains your process to a customer. One prompting tip matters here: name the styles you do not want. "Avoid a generic look" gets you nowhere; a short list of anti-patterns gets you something usable.

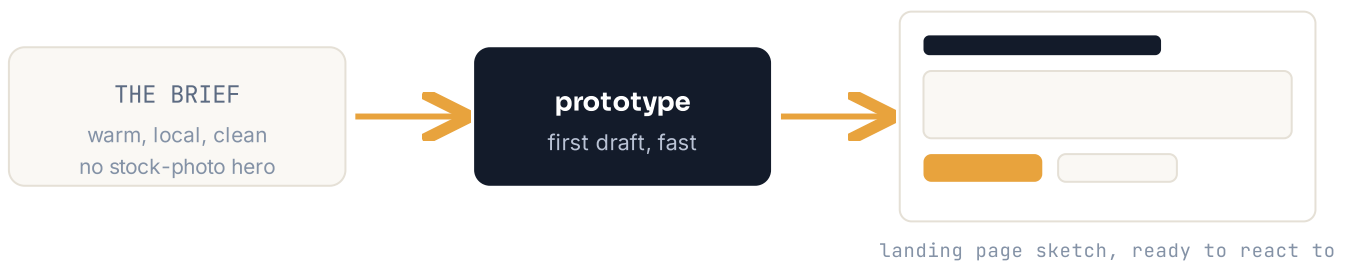


FIGURE 4 — REACT TO A DRAFT INSTEAD OF IMAGINING ONE

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"Sketch a landing page for my [business]: [one line on what you do and who it serves]. Clean, warm, local feel. Avoid: generic tech-startup look, stock-photo hero banners, purple gradients, walls of text."

HERE'S THE READ

The sketch is not the website. It is the thing you show your designer, your partner, or your spouse at dinner and say "like this, but better."

MOVE 05

Show it, don't retype it

Most people copy numbers out of a chart and paste them into the prompt. Stop. Opus 5.5 reads charts, screenshots, and diagrams accurately on its own — the sales graph from your dashboard, the scheduling whiteboard photo, the competitor's pricing page. Screenshot, attach, ask. Fewer steps, no transcription typos.

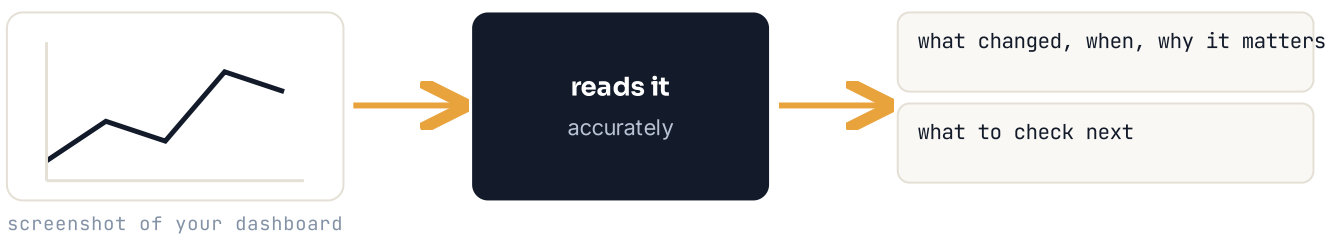


FIGURE 5 — SCREENSHOT IN, READING OUT

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"[Attach a screenshot of your sales chart or dashboard.] Read this chart and tell me: what changed, when did it change, and what would you check next? Do not ask me to retype any of the numbers."

HERE'S THE READ

Every business runs on charts somebody made months ago. Now you can ask them questions.

BEFORE YOU START

Working with it well

Four habits from Anthropic's own team that change the quality of what you get back.

HABIT 01

Stop saying "think hard"

Opus 5.5 always thinks before it replies and decides how much thinking the task needs. Delete "think carefully" from your prompts — your answers will start sooner.

HABIT 02

Stay on medium effort

Anthropic's own calibration: medium effort is the sweet spot for cost and quality on this model. Cranking it to maximum rarely buys a better answer.

HABIT 03

Define "done" in the first message

Give the goal and the shape of the finished work up front — "test these four ideas against my data and tell me which hold up" — instead of steering step by step. It handles long, multi-part work better than its predecessors.

HABIT 04

For design, name what you hate

"Make it creative" swaps one default for another. A list of patterns to avoid — stock-photo heroes, purple gradients, generic startup look — gets you something with taste.

THE HONEST NUMBERS

Every performance figure in this guide — **-40% cost**, **+30% speed**, **-60% cache reads**, **65%** on Anthropic's finance benchmark, injection attacks succeeding **1%** of the time in testing — comes from Anthropic's own launch materials. Vendor claims, honestly labeled. Your business is the benchmark that matters: run Move 02 on a document whose answers you already know, and see for yourself before you trust it with one you do not.



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KEEP EXPLORING

Claude	Where the five prompts in this guide run. Free tier to start; paid plans unlock longer working sessions.	claude.ai
Claude Opus 5.5	Anthropic's announcement: pricing, speed, and safety testing behind the numbers quoted here.	anthropic.com/news
Connectors	Point Claude at the places your work already lives — Google Drive, SharePoint, your files — instead of uploading one document at a time.	claude.ai → settings
Consultiply	Our studio runs production AI in our own businesses every day. Guides like this, from time to time, always free.	consultiply.ai

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