50 ChatGPT Secret Codes

Small prompts. More useful answers.

A practical collection for clearer writing, faster learning, fresh ideas and better decisions.

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50 curated shortcuts • Plain-English meanings • A practical usage guide

How to Use the Codes

Describe your scenario, say what you need, then place the code at the end. These are custom prompt shortcuts. Explain a code the first time you use it in a new chat.

01 Choose and define your code

Pick a code from this guide. In a new chat, explain its meaning once.

Demo: "When I use /critique, identify weak points and suggest specific improvements."

02 Describe your scenario

Paste your content and say what you need. Include any audience, tone or language requirements.

Demo: "This proposal is for a small cafe. Review its clarity and practicality: [paste proposal]."

03 Add the code and send

Place the code at the end, then send your prompt. Replace bracketed text with your own content.

Demo: "Review my cafe proposal for clarity and practicality: [paste proposal]. /critique"

For /translate, specify the target language: "Translate this into English: [paste text]. /translate"
Keep the instruction clear when starting a new chat, and check the answer before using it.

Writing & style

Describe your scenario, add a clear instruction, then end with the code.

01 **/human**

Rewrite text to sound natural and conversational.

02 **/rewrite**

Rephrase while preserving the original meaning.

03 **/improve**

Improve clarity, flow and overall quality.

04 **/shorten**

Condense text while retaining the key message.

05 **/expand**

Add useful detail and supporting context.

06 **/simplify**

Use plain language and explain unfamiliar terms.

07 **/formal**

Change the tone to professional and respectful.

08 **/casual**

Use a relaxed, friendly tone.

09 **/tonechange**

Adjust the tone to fit a specific audience.

10 **/clarify**

Remove ambiguity and make the meaning precise.

Format & explain

Describe your scenario, add a clear instruction, then end with the code.

11 TLDR

Give the shortest useful summary.

12 BULLETS

Organise the answer as concise bullet points.

13 TABLE

Present information in a comparison table.

14 CHECKLIST

Turn a task into an actionable checklist.

15 STEPS

Explain a process in numbered steps.

16 /outline

Create a structured outline before drafting.

17 ELI5

Explain using simple language and familiar examples.

18 /analogies

Explain through comparisons to familiar things.

19 /firstprinciples

Break a problem into basic facts and rebuild from them.

20 /examples

Provide concrete examples to make an idea clearer.

Learning & ideas

Describe your scenario, add a clear instruction, then end with the code.

21 QUIZME

Ask one quiz question at a time and wait for my answer.

22 FLASHCARDS

Turn source material into question-and-answer cards.

23 SOCRATIC

Teach with guided questions instead of a full lecture.

24 FEYNMAN

Explain simply and identify gaps in understanding.

25 MISCONCEPTIONS

Identify common misunderstandings and correct them.

26 TIMELINE

Organise events or stages in chronological order.

27 IDEAS10

Generate ten distinct ideas for a clear goal.

28 ALT3

Suggest three different approaches with trade-offs.

29 SCAMPER

Use Substitute, Combine, Adapt, Modify, Put to use, Eliminate, Reverse.

30 REMIX

Combine two concepts into a new idea.

Analysis & decisions

Describe your scenario, add a clear instruction, then end with the code.

31 PROSCONS

List advantages and disadvantages of an option.

32 SWOT

Assess strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

33 COMPARE

Compare options using relevant criteria.

34 HIDDENASSUMPTIONS

Surface assumptions that may change the conclusion.

35 /counter

Build the strongest counterargument to a claim.

36 /steelman

Present the strongest fair version of another viewpoint.

37 RISKMAP

Identify risks, likelihood, impact and mitigation.

38 SECONDORDER

Explore later consequences beyond the immediate effects.

39 FACTCHECK

Check claims against reliable sources and flag uncertainty.

40 NEXTSTEP

Choose one practical next action and explain how to start.

Content, coding & utility

Describe your scenario, add a clear instruction, then end with the code.

41 HOOKS10

Create ten opening lines for a specific audience.

42 SCRIPT

Structure an answer as a video or dialogue script.

43 THREAD

Break a topic into a connected social media thread.

44 /simulate

Role-play a scenario for practice.

45 DEBUG

Find likely code errors and suggest a fix.

46 EXPLAINCODE

Explain code in plain language, step by step.

47 OPTIMIZE

Suggest improvements while preserving intended behaviour.

48 /translate

Translate while preserving meaning and requested tone.

49 /autoprompt

Turn a rough request into a clear, specific prompt.

50 /critique

Review work and give specific, actionable improvements.