

The Ten Phrases

Say these to any AI, in plain words, whenever the answer lands wrong. The first reply is a rough draft. **The fix is almost always one short sentence.**

1 “Shorter.”

The all-purpose fix. It cuts the fluff and keeps the point.

Also: “much shorter,” “one sentence.”

2 “Make it a table.”

Anything with options, dates, or prices reads better as a table.

Also: “make it a checklist,” “make it a schedule.”

3 “Ask me questions first.”

The upgrade nobody uses. Before it plans your week or your party, it finds out what it doesn't know. The answer doubles in quality.

4 “That’s not realistic for me. I have 20 minutes.”

It aimed at somebody else's life. Aim it at yours.

Swap in \$30, or three kids under six.

5 “Give me three options, then pick one and say why.”

Turns a wall of maybes into a decision. You keep veto power.

6 “What am I forgetting?”

Run it on your plan, your list, your reply to the school email. This is the one that catches the thing at 2pm instead of 2am.

7 “Explain it like I’m new to this.”

No shame in it. Works in reverse too.

“Skip the basics, I know this part.”

8 “Redo it in a warmer tone.”

The words are right and the voice is wrong. Say which way to move.

Also: “less cheerful.”

9 “Use what I told you earlier.”

It drifted and forgot your no-dairy kid or your Tuesday deadline. This snaps it back. In a long chat, expect to say it.

10 “Now turn this into a grocery list.”

The answer is done; the errand isn't. Make it hand you the finished version you'll actually use.

Or a text to your mom, or a calendar list.

Talk back.

That's the habit underneath all ten. Treat it like a conversation and keep going. The second message is where the good stuff lives.