



Prompt Basics

A prompt is your creative starting point—learn how to turn words into unique and exciting images!

What is a Prompt?

Creating an image with Midjourney starts with a "prompt." A prompt is simply the text or phrase you use to tell Midjourney what kind of image you want.

Your prompt could be just one word or a complete phrase. The more thought you put into your prompt, the more unique and interesting your image can be. So, take a moment to think about what you want to see, and use your words to guide Midjourney's creative process.



vibrant California poppies



Prompting Tips & Tricks

Short and simple prompts typically generate the best images with Midjourney. Use phrases that clearly describe what you want to see. Think of it like giving a quick snapshot of your idea. Avoid making long lists or detailed instructions; these can confuse the process.



Show me a picture of lots of blooming California poppies, make them bright orange, and draw them in an illustrated style with colored pencils

Ask AI



👍 Colored pencil illustration of bright orange California poppies

Choose the Right Words

The words you pick matter! Try using specific synonyms. For example, instead of "big," consider "huge," "gigantic," or "enormous." Being precise can help get better results.

Be Specific with Numbers

Plural words like "cats" can be vague. Instead, use specific numbers like "three cats." Or go for collective nouns like "flock of birds" instead of just "birds."

Focus on What You Want

Describe what you do want instead of what you don't. If you mention a party with "no cake," a cake might still appear. For excluding items, read about the [no parameter](#).

Prompt Length and Details

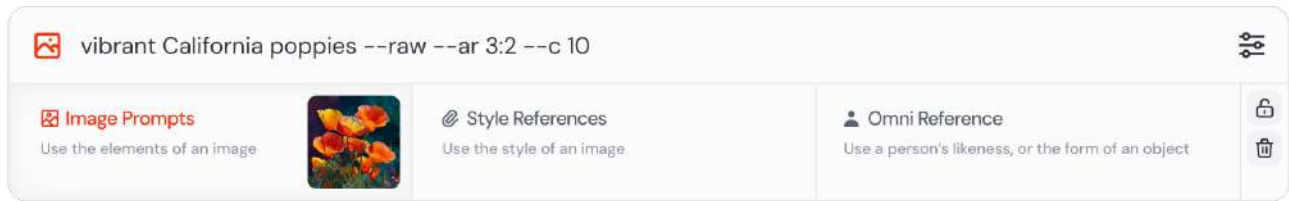
Your prompts can be simple—even a single word or emoji works. Short prompts let Midjourney's default style fill in the gaps. But if specific elements are important to you, be sure to include them. Fewer details mean more variety, but you get less control over the outcome.

Be clear about details that matter to you. Here are some areas to consider:

- **Subject:** Who or what? (person, animal, character, location, object)
- **Medium:** In what form? (photo, painting, illustration, sculpture, doodle, tapestry)
- **Environment:** Where? (indoors, outdoors, on the moon, underwater, in the city)
- **Lighting:** What kind? (soft, ambient, overcast, neon, studio lights)
- **Color:** In what shades? (vibrant, muted, bright, monochromatic, colorful, black and white, pastel)
- **Mood:** Feelings to evoke? (playful, calm, gloomy, energetic)
- **Composition:** How is it framed? (portrait, headshot, closeup, birds-eye view)

Advanced Prompts

Once you're comfortable with basic prompts, start exploring more advanced options! Add one or more [Image Prompts](#), use multiple text phrases, and apply tools called [parameters](#). These give you the ability to create more complex or specific images. Experiment by mixing different elements to boost your creativity!



Text Prompt

The text description of what you want to see. Keep reading for prompting tips and tricks. Well-written prompts help generate amazing images!

Image Prompts

Adding images to your prompt influences the style and content of your new creations. You can do this through [Image Prompts](#), [Style References](#), and [Character References](#).

Parameters

[Parameters](#) are tools that let you customize how an image is generated. They can adjust things like [aspect ratios](#) to tailor your image to your liking. Parameters get added to the end of your prompt.

More Prompt Help

Midjourney has a vibrant community that loves problem-solving and helping others! If you need more help or tips, make sure to visit our [Prompt Craft channel on Discord](#) or the [Prompt Craft Room](#) on web.

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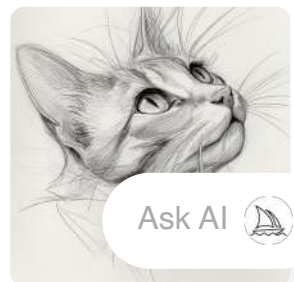
Art of Prompting

Explore words that spark imagination and bring your images to life!

Unlock a world of creativity with Midjourney by exploring the power of words. While single-word prompts can yield stunning images, the true magic happens when you mix in different concepts like artistic mediums, time periods, environments, and more. Here are a few ideas to get you started!

Artistic Mediums

The examples below were made using the prompt: _____ style cat

Block Print**Ballpoint Pen Sketch****Cyanotype****Graffiti****Paint-by-Numbers****Risograph****Ukiyo-e****Pencil Sketch**

Ask AI





Watercolor



Pixel Art



Blacklight Painting



Cross Stitch



Acrylic Pour



Cut Paper



Pressed Flowers



Oil Painting



Time Periods

The examples below were made using the prompt: illustration of a _____ cat

1400s



1500s



1600s



1700s



1800s



1900s



1910s



1920s



1930s



1940s



1950s



1960s



1970s



1980s



1990s



2000s



Emotions

The examples below were made using the prompt: _____ cat

Shy



Determined



Sad



Joyful



Angry



Happy



Depressed



Sleepy



Colors

The examples below were made using the prompt: _____ colored cat

Millennial Pink



Acid Green



Pink and Blue



Canary Yellow



Sepia



Two Toned



Pastel



Duotone



Ebony



Neutral



CMYK



Indigo



Iridescent



Brightly



Grayscale



Neon



Environments

The examples below were made using the prompt: _____ cat

Tundra



Salt Flat



Jungle



Desert



Forest



Cave



Farm



Crystal Forest



City



Garden



Suburban



Ocean



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