Hey **SI**



5 Free Prompts

Copy-paste prompts for your first app,
from messy idea to live link

Ride the wave. SI's got you. 🌊

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Hey SI, build my first app.

Yes! Let’s do it, one small step at a time.

How to use these prompts

Hi friend! Never coded? No worries. These are five prompts beginners reach for again and again. You don’t need to know the jargon. Just copy, fill in, paste.

1. **Copy a prompt** into your AI coding tool (Cursor, Claude Code, Replit, Lovable, Bolt) or a normal AI chat.
2. **Replace every [PLACEHOLDER]** with your own details. Messy is fine!
3. **Send it, then read the answer.** Ask “what does that mean?” as often as you like. There are no silly questions.
4. **One small step at a time.** Ask for one thing, check it works, then move on.

SI’s 5 golden rules

1. **Small steps.** Never ask for “the whole app” at once.
2. **Save often.** It works? Make a save point (a git commit) before changing anything else.
3. **Read the error.** Paste the whole message and say what you were doing (Prompt 2).
4. **Two strikes, then reset.** If a fix fails twice, pause and change approach (Prompt 3).
5. **Never paste secrets into chat.** API keys and passwords go in `.env` or your tool’s secrets settings. A placeholder works great.

A friendly heads-up: AI tools make mistakes and change often. Always look over what they change, test it, and keep save points. These prompts help you ask clearly. They can’t promise a result, and that’s okay. We’ll figure it out. ♥

FREE PROMPT 1 OF 5

Brain Dump to Clear Idea

When: Got an idea but it's all jumbled? Start here, before any code.

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I want to build my first app, but my idea is still messy. I'm a complete beginner at coding.

Here's my brain dump:
[WRITE EVERYTHING YOU'RE THINKING: WHAT IT DOES, WHO IT'S FOR, WHY YOU WANT IT, APPS IT'S LIKE]

Please help me get clear:
1. Rewrite my idea as ONE simple sentence: "[App] helps [who] do [what] so they can [why]."
2. Tell me who the main user is.
3. List the 3 most important things the app must do.
4. Point out anything in my brain dump that sounds big, complicated, or expensive for a
beginner.
5. Ask me up to 5 questions whose answers would make the idea clearer.

Use plain, non-technical language. Don't write any code yet.
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SI's tip: Write messy! Then answer its questions and say: "Now rewrite the one-sentence idea using my answers."

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Here's the Error, Fix It

When: A red error popped up. Yes! That's a clue. Paste the whole thing.

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I got an error. I'm a beginner, so please be careful and explain simply.

What I was doing: [WHAT YOU CLICKED / TYPED / RAN - e.g. "I clicked Save on the add-plant
form"]
What I expected: [WHAT SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED]
What happened instead: [WHAT YOU SAW]

The full error message:
[PASTE THE ENTIRE ERROR - ALL OF IT, EVEN IF IT'S LONG]

Where I saw it: [TERMINAL / BROWSER PAGE / BROWSER CONSOLE / TOOL PREVIEW]
Last thing that changed before it broke: [e.g. "we just built step 4" / "I don't know"]

Please:
1. Explain in 1–2 plain sentences what the error means.
2. Tell me the most likely cause.
3. Fix it with the smallest change possible. Don't rewrite unrelated code.
4. Tell me how to check that it's fixed.
If you're not sure of the cause, add a temporary check (like a log message) to find out first,
instead of guessing.
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SI's tip: Never paste API keys or passwords. Swap them for [REDACTED]. Fixed? Make a save point.

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Break the Loop

When: The same fix has failed 2–3 times. Let’s pause and reset, no stress.

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Stop. We've tried to fix this [NUMBER] times and it's still not working. Don't write any code
in this reply.

The problem: [ONE SENTENCE - e.g. "plants don't stay marked as watered after refresh"]
What we've tried so far (as far as I know): [LIST, OR "please list everything we've tried from
this conversation"]

Please:
1. Summarize what we tried and why each attempt didn't work.
2. Tell me honestly: do you think the cause is something we haven't looked at yet? What
assumptions might be wrong?
3. Suggest ONE completely different approach, simpler if possible.
4. Tell me which files we should look at first.
5. Write a short "handoff note" (5-10 lines) that I can paste into a fresh chat, describing the
problem, what's been ruled out, and the new approach.

If you think the best move is to roll back to my last save point and redo this step more
simply, say so.
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SI’s tip: Start a fresh chat and paste the handoff note. Rolling back to a save point is not failure.

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Safety Check Before Going Live

When: Before you share your app, and again after adding login, a database or payments.

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Before I put my app online, do a beginner-level safety check. Don't change anything yet, just
report.

My app uses: [e.g. "Next.js, Supabase database + auth, deployed on Vercel"]
It handles: [e.g. "users' email addresses and their plant lists" / "no personal data"]

Check and report on each of these, as ✅ OK / ⚠️ Needs fixing / ❓ Not sure:
1. Secret keys: are any API keys, passwords, or tokens written directly in the code, or
committed to Git history? Is .env in .gitignore?
2. Browser-visible keys: which keys are sent to the browser? Are any of them secret keys that
shouldn't be?
3. Data access: can a logged-out person, or a different user, read or change data they
shouldn't? (Check database rules like row-level security, not just the screens.)
4. Forms and inputs: does the app check what people type in before saving it?
5. Error messages: do any errors show private details to users?
6. Packages: are there known vulnerable packages (run npm audit and summarize in plain words)?
7. Anything else that worries you for an app like this.

Then list the fixes in order of importance, and we'll do them one at a time.
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SI’s tip: If a key was ever committed or pasted publicly, assume it leaked: make a new one and delete the old. This is a beginner check, not a pro security audit.

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Put It Online (Vercel / Netlify)

When: Your app works locally and builds without errors. Time to share it!

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I want to put my app online using [VERCEL / NETLIFY]. I'm a beginner. Walk me through it step
by step.

Stack: [YOUR STACK]
Is my code on GitHub? [YES - repo name: ___ / NO]
Does my app use environment variables (.env)? [YES / NO / NOT SURE]
Does it use a database or login? [e.g. "Supabase database + auth"]

Please:
1. Check the project is ready: it builds with npm run build, .env is NOT in Git, and
.env.example lists every variable needed.
2. If my code isn't on GitHub yet, help me push it there first.
3. Give me click-by-click steps to import the GitHub repo into [VERCEL / NETLIFY], including
which build settings to use (or confirm the defaults are right).
4. List every environment variable I need to add in the [VERCEL / NETLIFY] dashboard, by NAME
only. I'll paste the values myself.
5. List anything I need to update in other services now that I have a live address (e.g.
Supabase auth redirect URLs).
6. Give me a short checklist to test the live site.
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SI's tip: Your .env doesn't upload by itself. Add the variables in the Vercel/Netlify dashboard, then redeploy. Using Lovable, Bolt or Replit? Their Publish button is usually easiest.

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Hey SI, is there more?

Yes! If you want it, no pressure.

Want the whole path?

These 5 prompts are free forever, and they're yours to keep. If they helped and you'd like the full set, the **Hey SI Starter Pack** walks you from "I have an idea" to "it's live", one step at a time.

What's inside ($12, one-time):

- **25 copy-paste prompts** in 12 short sections: idea to spec, picking a stack, project setup, building step by step, debugging, fixing broken builds, adding login and a database, styling, going live, writing a README, and what's next.
- **A starter AGENTS.md template**, a rules file that tells your AI tool how to work with you: small steps, careful changes, no secrets in code.
- PDF plus plain-text files, so copying is easy.

The honest bit

- It's a set of well-written prompts and a template, made for beginners. It isn't a course, a coach or software.
- It can't guarantee your app will work, be secure or make money. You still review and test what you build.
- Not sure? Try these 5 first. If the pack isn't for you, there's a 14-day refund, no questions asked.

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Either way, happy building. You've got this. ♥

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