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20 ChatGPT Study Codes

The complete cheat sheet, every command organized by what you actually need in the moment: understand it, organize it, remember it, test yourself, or cram right before the exam.

Every command below works the same way: type the slash command, add whatever you're studying, and paste it into ChatGPT. Swap out `[TOPIC]` for the real thing, photosynthesis, the Cold War, calculus derivatives, whatever you've got an exam on.

TIP

These aren't meant to be used one at a time and forgotten. Chain a few together on the same topic for a real study session, for example: `/simplify` to learn it, `/keyterms` to lock in the vocabulary, then `/quizme` to test yourself. The order below is built around that exact flow.

GROUP 1 Understand It

Start here when a topic doesn't make sense yet.

`/simplify` : Explain a hard topic in simple language

PROMPT

Explain `[TOPIC]` as if I am learning it for the first time. Avoid complicated language and unnecessary details. Break the topic into small steps, use simple examples or analogies, and point out the 3-5 ideas I need to understand before moving on to anything more advanced.

/teachme : Teach the topic step by step

PROMPT

Teach me [TOPIC] step by step like a great tutor. Start with the basics, then gradually move to the more difficult parts. After each major concept, give me a simple example and ask me one quick question to check whether I understand it before continuing.

/examples : Generate simple examples for a concept

PROMPT

Teach me [TOPIC] using examples. Start with the simplest possible example, then give me three more examples that gradually become more difficult. For each one, explain exactly how it connects to the concept. Finish by giving me one example to solve or explain myself.

/compare : Compare two confusing concepts side by side

PROMPT

Compare [TOPIC 1] and [TOPIC 2] in a simple side-by-side table. Include their definitions, similarities, differences, key characteristics, examples, and the easiest way to tell them apart on an exam. Finish with one memory trick that helps me stop confusing them.

/formula : Explain formulas and when to use them

PROMPT

Teach me the important formulas for [TOPIC]. For each formula, explain what it means, what every symbol represents, when I should use it, and give me one worked example. Also include the most common mistake students make when using each formula.

/timeline : Turn events into a chronological timeline

PROMPT

Turn [TOPIC] into a clear chronological timeline. Include the most important dates, events, people, causes, and consequences. Keep each timeline entry short and easy to remember. Highlight the events most likely to matter on an exam and finish with a quick cause-and-effect summary.

GROUP 2 Organize It

Turn what you now understand into something reviewable.

/studyguide : Turn any topic into a clear study guide

PROMPT

Create a complete study guide for [TOPIC]. Break it into the most important concepts, key terms, definitions, examples, and facts I need to understand for an exam. Keep everything simple, clear, and easy to scan. Highlight the information most likely to be important and finish with a short "What You Must Remember" section.

/stickynotes : Break a topic into bite-sized notes

PROMPT

Turn [TOPIC] into 10 short sticky-note-style study notes. Each note should focus on only one important idea and be short enough to review quickly. Use simple language, bold the most important words, and organize the notes from most important to least important.

/keyterms : Extract key vocabulary and definitions

PROMPT

Extract the most important vocabulary from [TOPIC]. Create a list of the key terms I am most likely to need for a test. For each term, give me a one-sentence definition, a simple example, and one clue that helps me recognize it in an exam question.

/summary : Condense notes into the essential points

PROMPT

Summarize [TOPIC] into the smallest amount of information I need to understand the subject. Organize the answer into key ideas, important facts, essential terms, and must-know examples. Remove unnecessary detail and finish with a 5-bullet ultra-short recap I can review before an exam.

GROUP 3 Remember It

For the stuff that won't stick no matter how many times you read it.

/memorize : Create mnemonics and memory tricks

PROMPT

Help me memorize [TOPIC]. Identify the facts, steps, terms, formulas, or concepts that are hardest to remember and create simple mnemonics, acronyms, associations, or memory tricks for each one. Make the memory tricks easy to recall during an exam.

/mistakes : Show common mistakes students make

PROMPT

Show me the most common mistakes students make when learning or answering exam questions about [TOPIC]. For each mistake, explain why students make it, what the correct idea is, and how I can avoid making the same mistake. Finish with a short "Watch Out For These" checklist.

GROUP 4 Test Yourself

The part most students skip, and the part that actually works.

/quizme : Create an interactive multiple-choice quiz

PROMPT

Create a 10-question multiple-choice quiz on [TOPIC]. Give me four answer choices for each question: A, B, C, and D. Ask me only one question at a time and wait for my answer before continuing. After I answer, tell me whether I am correct, explain the answer in one or two sentences, and then move to the next question. Start easy and gradually make the questions harder.

/truefalse : Create rapid true/false practice

PROMPT

Create a 15-question true-or-false quiz on [TOPIC]. Ask me one statement at a time and wait for my answer. After I respond, tell me if I am correct and explain why in one sentence. Include some tricky statements that test common misunderstandings, not just obvious facts.

/practiceexam : Generate a mock exam

PROMPT

Create a realistic practice exam on [TOPIC]. Include 15 questions with a mix of multiple-choice, short-answer, and application questions. Make the difficulty similar to a real school or college exam. Do not show the answers until the end. Finish with a separate answer key and short explanations.

/teachback : Test whether you can explain it yourself

PROMPT

Help me use the Feynman technique to learn [TOPIC]. Ask me to explain the topic back to you in my own words. Then identify anything I explained incorrectly, missed, or made too complicated. Correct my explanation and ask me to try again until I can explain the topic clearly and simply.

/likelyquestions : Predict likely exam questions

PROMPT

Act like a teacher writing an exam on [TOPIC]. Generate 10 questions that are most likely to appear on the test based on the core concepts students are normally expected to understand. Include a mix of multiple-choice, short-answer, and application questions. Put the answers and explanations in a separate section at the end.

/weakspots : Find what you need to review most

PROMPT

Test my understanding of [TOPIC] with 8 questions, one at a time. Adjust the difficulty based on my answers. Keep track of what I get right and wrong. At the end, identify my strongest areas, my weakest areas, and the exact concepts I should review next. Then create a short personalized revision plan focused on my weak spots.

GROUP 5 Right Before the Exam

For when you're out of time and need to triage.

/examcram : Pull out the 20% most likely to matter

PROMPT

I have an exam on [TOPIC]. Identify the 20% of information that will help me understand 80% of the topic. Focus on the concepts, facts, formulas, or ideas most likely to matter on a test. Explain each one simply and finish with a "Memorize These Before the Exam" checklist.

/lastminute : Build a quick pre-exam review

PROMPT

I have very little time to study [TOPIC]. Create a 15-minute emergency revision plan. Prioritize the most important concepts first. Break the session into short time blocks and tell me exactly what to review in each one. Finish with 5 questions I should be able to answer before the exam.

TIP

Save this page or download the PDF now, not the night before your exam. The commands only help if you actually remember they exist.

The takeaway

Twenty real commands, organized by where you actually are in the study process, not just a random list. Start with Understand It, move through Organize It and Remember It, use Test Yourself the way you'd use a real practice exam, and save Right Before the Exam for exactly that.

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