

// FREE GUIDE BY @AVIGRONDIN

15 Claude cheat codes

ELI5

THAT ACTUALLY WORK

The 5 from my reel, plus 10 more. Each one is a single line you type into Claude. Each one changes the answer you get back.

01 COPY

02 PASTE

03 BETTER ANSWERS

RED TEAM

15 CODES

I tested every viral Claude cheat code. 99% of them do not work. These are the ones I kept. One page each: the line to type, what it does, when to use it, and a real reply from Claude.

// 02 • HOW TO USE THEM

They are not magic words.

A cheat code is one line you add to your prompt. It works because it tells Claude how to think about your question, not only what to answer.

01

Type it in plain English.

No slash, no symbols, no special mode. Type the line the way it is written on the page.

02

Put your question with it.

The code goes before or after what you are asking. Each page shows which.

03

Stack them.

Run a pre-mortem on a plan, then red team the fix. One code feeds the next.

ALL 15, AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

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EVERY ONE WAS RUN

Each code in this guide was run on Claude before it went in. The "real run" boxes are cut from those replies, word for word.

GOOD TO KNOW

They work in the Claude app, on claude.ai and in Claude Code. Your reply will not match mine line for line. The shape of it will.

HOW EACH PAGE WORKS

01

Type this

The exact line. Swap the brackets for your words.



02

What it does

How the answer changes, and when to use it.



03

Real run

A real prompt and what Claude sent back.



04

Push it further

One follow-up line that gets you more.

// 03 • CODE 01 OF 15

ELI5

FROM THE REEL

Claude explains any concept as if you are five years old. No jargon, one simple example.

TYPE THIS

@avigrondin

ELI5: [the thing you don't get]

WHAT CLAUDE DOES

- ✓ **Drops the jargon.** Plain words only.
- ✓ **Uses one everyday example.** A trading card, a lemonade stand.
- ✓ **Keeps it short.** You can read it in a minute.

USE IT FOR

Tax law

Contracts

Coding concepts

Anything with fine print

REAL RUN

CUT FROM A REAL CLAUDE REPLY, WORD FOR WORD

YOU

ELI5: how do capital gains taxes work?

CLAUDE

Imagine you buy a rare trading card for \$10. A few years later, someone pays you \$25 for it. You made \$15 just because the card became worth more.

That \$15 is your capital gain, and the government takes a slice of it.

...and it keeps going.

PUSH IT FURTHER

Still fuzzy? Reply: "Now explain it like I'm 15." You get the next level of detail without the jargon coming back.

// 04 • CODE 02 OF 15

Pre-mortem

FROM THE REEL

Claude pretends the project already failed, then works backwards and tells you exactly why.

TYPE THIS

@avigrondin

Pre-mortem: [your plan or idea]

WHAT CLAUDE DOES

- ✓ **Jumps ahead** to the day it went wrong.
- ✓ **Lists the likely reasons**, most common first.
- ✓ **Shows you the fix** while you can still make it.

USE IT FOR

A launch

A new offer

A hire

A big purchase

REAL RUN

CUT FROM A REAL CLAUDE REPLY, WORD FOR WORD

YOU

Pre-mortem: I'm launching my first online course next month.

- CLAUDE**
1. Not enough people knew it existed.
 2. You built something nobody asked for.
 4. The promise was vague.
 5. There was no reason to buy now.
- ...and it keeps going.*

PUSH IT FURTHER

Add: "Give me the top 3 only, and what to do about each one this week." Now it is a to-do list.

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Steel man

FROM THE REEL • MY FAVORITE

Claude argues the strongest possible opposing view. It is brutal for spotting where your thinking is weak.

TYPE THIS

@avigrondin

[your opinion]. Steel man the other side.

WHAT CLAUDE DOES

- ✓ Builds the best case against you, not a strawman.
- ✓ Uses real arguments a smart critic would make.
- ✓ Shows the gap in your own reasoning.

USE IT FOR

Before you post a hot take

Before a negotiation

When everyone agrees with you

Big bets

REAL RUN

CUT FROM A REAL CLAUDE REPLY, WORD FOR WORD

YOU

I think AI is going to replace most marketers. Steel man the other side.

CLAUDE

Here's the strongest version of the case that AI won't replace most marketers:

3. The hard part was never the output.
4. Accountability needs a person.
6. Adoption lags capability.

...and it keeps going.

PUSH IT FURTHER

Follow up: "Now tell me where my side is weakest." You get both halves of the argument.

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Red team

FROM THE REEL

Claude attacks it from every angle a critic would. Like a board of skeptics reviewing your work in 30 seconds.

TYPE THIS

@avigrondin

Red team this: [your pitch or decision]

WHAT CLAUDE DOES

- ✓ Looks for the weak point first.
- ✓ Attacks from every angle: money, timing, people, risk.
- ✓ Says it straight. No cheerleading.

USE IT FOR

A pitch

A price change

A contract before you sign

Ad copy before you spend

REAL RUN

CUT FROM A REAL CLAUDE REPLY, WORD FOR WORD

YOU

Red team this: I'm raising my prices by 50% next month.

CLAUDE

1. "Next month" is the weakest part.
 4. There's no story.
 6. It's hard to reverse.
 7. It's untested.
- ...and it keeps going.*

PUSH IT FURTHER

Then ask: "What would make it survive those attacks?" Claude turns the hits into a plan.

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First principles

FROM THE REEL

Claude stops giving you generic advice and rebuilds the answer from what is actually true.

TYPE THIS

@avigrondin

Break this down from first principles: [your question]

WHAT CLAUDE DOES

- ✓ **Strips away the tactics** everyone repeats.
- ✓ **Finds the few things** that have to be true.
- ✓ **Rebuilds the answer** from those.

USE IT FOR

A problem you keep hitting

Strategy

Pricing

Any "how do I" question

REAL RUN

CUT FROM A REAL CLAUDE REPLY, WORD FOR WORD

YOU

Break this down from first principles: how do I get more clients?

CLAUDE

Strip away the tactics and a client is the result of four things being true at the same time:

1. A specific person has a problem they want gone badly enough to pay.
2. They know you exist.
4. Saying yes is easy: the price, terms and timing work.

...and it keeps going.

PUSH IT FURTHER

Add: "Then tell me which of those is failing for me." and give it your numbers.

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Ask me first

NEW

Claude interviews you before it writes a word, so the answer fits your situation and not everyone's.

TYPE THIS

@avigrondin

Before you answer, ask me the questions you need.

WHAT CLAUDE DOES

- ✓ **Asks before it answers.** A short list of questions.
- ✓ **Finds the missing details** you forgot to give.
- ✓ **Answers for you**, not for the average person.

USE IT FOR

Plans

Strategy

Anything where it depends

Writing in your voice

REAL RUN

CUT FROM A REAL CLAUDE REPLY, WORD FOR WORD

YOU

I want to start a newsletter. Before you answer, ask me the questions you need to give me a great answer.

CLAUDE

Happy to help you get this started. Before I write anything useful, I need to know a few things:

1. Topic and angle.
2. Who is it for?
3. Why you?

...and it keeps going.

PUSH IT FURTHER

Short on time? Add: "Ask me one question at a time." It turns into a quick back and forth.

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Three options

NEW

Claude stops handing you the first idea it has. You get three real choices and a straight recommendation.

TYPE THIS

@avigrondin

Give me 3 different options, then pick one and tell me why.

WHAT CLAUDE DOES

- ✓ Gives you range, not one safe answer.
- ✓ Makes the options different, not three versions of one.
- ✓ Commits to a pick and says why.

USE IT FOR

Names and headlines

Offers

Ways to hit a goal

Any decision

REAL RUN

CUT FROM A REAL CLAUDE REPLY, WORD FOR WORD

YOU

How do I get my first 10 clients for a web design business? Give me 3 different options, then pick one and tell me why.

CLAUDE

Option 1: Warm outreach to your existing network

Option 2: Cold outreach to local businesses with weak websites

Option 3: Portfolio-first, one niche at a time

My pick: Option 2, cold outreach to local businesses, narrowed to one niche.

...and it keeps going.

PUSH IT FURTHER

Want a wilder spread? Add: "Make one safe, one bold and one weird."

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Rate it

NEW

Claude scores your work and gives you the gap between where it is and where it needs to be.

TYPE THIS

@avigrondin

Rate this out of 10, then tell me exactly what would make it a 10.

WHAT CLAUDE DOES

- ✓ Gives a real number. Not "looks great".
- ✓ Says what is holding it back, point by point.
- ✓ Lists the exact changes that get it to a 10.

USE IT FOR

Headlines

Emails

Offers

Your own writing

REAL RUN

CUT FROM A REAL CLAUDE REPLY, WORD FOR WORD

YOU

Rate this out of 10, then tell me exactly what would make it a 10:
"We help businesses grow with marketing."

CLAUDE

3/10. It's clean and grammatical, but it says nothing a competitor couldn't say.

1. Name the buyer.
2. Name the outcome, with a number or timeframe.
3. Name the mechanism, the thing you actually do.

...and it keeps going.

PUSH IT FURTHER

Then say: "Rewrite it as the 10." Rate the rewrite again if you want to keep going.

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Critique and rewrite NEW

Claude writes a draft, tears it apart, then gives you the second version. You skip the weak first draft.

TYPE THIS

@avigrondin

Write it. Critique it like a tough editor. Then rewrite it.

WHAT CLAUDE DOES

- ✓ **Writes the first draft.** The obvious one.
- ✓ **Edits itself hard,** worst problem first.
- ✓ **Hands you the rewrite** with the problems fixed.

USE IT FOR

Cold emails

Posts

Ad copy

Scripts

REAL RUN

CUT FROM A REAL CLAUDE REPLY, WORD FOR WORD

YOU

Write a short cold email offering web design to a local dentist.
Then critique it like a tough editor. Then rewrite it.

CLAUDE

Tough editor's notes, in order of how much each one hurts:

1. The hook is a guess dressed as an observation.

Before you send: the rewrite only works if the bracketed details are true.

...and it keeps going.

PUSH IT FURTHER

Name the editor: "Critique it like a buyer who gets 50 of these a day."

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Bottom line first NEW

Claude leads with the answer. No warm-up, no essay before the point.

TYPE THIS

@avigrondin

Bottom line first: one sentence, then the details.

WHAT CLAUDE DOES

- ✓ **Answers in the first line.** One sentence.
- ✓ **Puts the reasons after,** for when you want them.
- ✓ **Cuts the preamble.** No "great question".

USE IT FOR

Yes or no decisions

Quick research

Reading long documents

When you are busy

REAL RUN

CUT FROM A REAL CLAUDE REPLY, WORD FOR WORD

YOU

Bottom line first: should I hire a freelancer or an agency to run my ads? One sentence, then the details.

CLAUDE

Hire a freelancer if your ad spend is modest (roughly under \$10K a month) and you mostly need someone to run the campaigns well; move to an agency once spend is higher and you need strategy, creative, and a team that can cover several platforms.
...and it keeps going.

PUSH IT FURTHER

Paste a long document and add this line. You get the verdict before the summary.

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80/20

NEW

Claude skips the full course and gives you the small part that does most of the work.

TYPE THIS

@avigrondin

80/20 this: what 20% gets me 80% of the result?

WHAT CLAUDE DOES

- ✓ **Ranks by payoff**, not by textbook order.
- ✓ **Cuts what you can skip** for now.
- ✓ **Gives you a short list** to start today.

USE IT FOR

Learning a skill

A long to-do list

A new tool

Studying

REAL RUN

CUT FROM A REAL CLAUDE REPLY, WORD FOR WORD

YOU

80/20 this: I need to learn Excel for my job. What 20% gets me 80% of the result?

CLAUDE

Here's the 20% of Excel that covers most of what people do at work.

1. Formulas and cell references
2. Conditional totals: IF, SUMIFS, COUNTIFS, AVERAGEIFS
3. Lookups: XLOOKUP
4. PivotTables

...and it keeps going.

PUSH IT FURTHER

Add: "Turn that into a 7-day plan, 30 minutes a day."

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And then what? NEW

Claude follows your decision past the first result, to the things that happen because of it.

TYPE THIS

@avigrondin

Walk me through the second-order effects: what happens next, and after that?

WHAT CLAUDE DOES

- ✓ Starts with the obvious effect.
- ✓ Follows the chain two and three steps out.
- ✓ Shows the cost you did not price in.

USE IT FOR

Price changes

Hiring and firing

New policies

Big life decisions

REAL RUN

CUT FROM A REAL CLAUDE REPLY, WORD FOR WORD

YOU

I'm going to cut my prices by 30%. Walk me through the second-order effects: what happens next, and what happens after that?

CLAUDE

A 30% cut hits your margin much harder than it looks, so the first thing to pin down is how much margin you have.

If you sell something for \$100 that costs you \$40 to deliver, you keep \$60. At \$70 you keep \$30. One change halves your profit per unit.

...and it keeps going.

PUSH IT FURTHER

Add: "Which of those would hurt most, and how would I see it coming?"

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Label the claims

NEW

Claude shows you which parts of its answer are solid and which parts it is filling in.

TYPE THIS

@avigrondin

Label every claim as **FACT**, **ASSUMPTION** or **GUESS**.

WHAT CLAUDE DOES

- ✓ **Tags every line.** You see the weak ones.
- ✓ **Separates evidence** from opinion.
- ✓ **Makes it easy to check** the parts that matter.

USE IT FOR

Health and money questions

Research

News

Anything you will repeat to someone

REAL RUN

CUT FROM A REAL CLAUDE REPLY, WORD FOR WORD

YOU

Are cold plunges good for you? Label every claim as **FACT**, **ASSUMPTION** or **GUESS**.

CLAUDE

Short answer: the evidence is mixed.

[**FACT**] Several studies find cold water immersion after hard exercise reduces muscle soreness 24 to 48 hours later. The effect is modest, and not every study finds it.

[**ASSUMPTION**] That norepinephrine spike is what produces the alert, clear-headed feeling people describe.

...and it keeps going.

PUSH IT FURTHER

It is still an AI reading from memory. For anything that matters, check the **FACT** lines yourself.

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Confidence check NEW

Claude tells you how much weight its own answer can take, and what evidence would flip it.

TYPE THIS

@avigrondin

Tell me how confident you are, and what would change your mind.

WHAT CLAUDE DOES

- ✓ **Puts a level on it:** high, moderate, low.
- ✓ **Says why** it is not more sure.
- ✓ **Names what would change it.**

USE IT FOR

Advice you will act on

Forecasts

"Best way to" questions

Marketing rules of thumb

REAL RUN

CUT FROM A REAL CLAUDE REPLY, WORD FOR WORD

YOU

What's the best day to send a marketing email? Tell me how confident you are, and what would change your mind.

CLAUDE

How confident I am: Moderate on the general pattern, low on any specific day for your list.

Most "best day" advice is averaged across many brands, so it tells you where to start, not where you'll peak.

...and it keeps going.

PUSH IT FURTHER

Low confidence is useful. It tells you to test it yourself before you bet on it.

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What am I missing?

NEW

Claude answers the questions you did not know to ask. This is where the expensive mistakes hide.

TYPE THIS

@avigrondin

What am I not asking that I should be?

WHAT CLAUDE DOES

- ✓ Looks past your question to the whole decision.
- ✓ Raises the fine print people skip.
- ✓ Gives you a checklist to take into the room.

USE IT FOR

Leases and contracts

Hiring

Buying a business

Anything you are new to

REAL RUN

CUT FROM A REAL CLAUDE REPLY, WORD FOR WORD

YOU

I'm about to sign a 3-year office lease. What am I not asking that I should be?

CLAUDE

The biggest gaps are usually in the fine print, not the headline rent.

Is the rent quoted gross or net?

Are you signing personally as a guarantor?

Is there an early termination or "break" clause?

...and it keeps going.

PUSH IT FURTHER

Use it last. Run it after any other code, on the answer you just got.

// 18 • THE CHEAT SHEET

All 15 on one page.

Screenshot this one. Swap the brackets for your own words.

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FOUND A CODE THAT BEATS THESE?

Send it to @avigrondin.

@avigrondin

// 19 • WHAT NEXT

Those were the shortcuts. Here is the real work.

I use AI for a lot more than better answers. I use it to build and run lead generation businesses. If you want to do the same, there are two ways to work with me.

OPTION 1 • THE COMMUNITY

Join my Skool community

Pay Per Lead Academy

Stop chasing clients. Start building a lead generation business.

- Pick a niche
- Run Meta and Google ads
- Find lead buyers and price your leads
- Automate delivery and tracking



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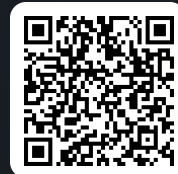
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- A straight read on your numbers
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