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🚀 AI STARTER GUIDE

Your First Week with AI at Work

A practical, day-by-day playbook to start using AI tools confidently — no technical background required.

- ✓ 5 daily missions — 30 minutes each
- ✓ Real prompts you can copy and use today
- ✓ Tools, techniques & time-saving shortcuts

Welcome

Why this week changes everything

Most professionals know AI tools exist. Far fewer are actually using them daily — and that gap is becoming a career advantage.

This guide gives you a structured, low-pressure way to get started. Five days. Five focused missions. By Friday, AI will feel like a natural part of how you work — not a novelty you tried once.

> "The professionals who thrive in the next decade won't be replaced by AI — they'll be the ones who learned to work with it."
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> — Upskye Learning Philosophy

⚡	Save 2–5 hours per week by day 5
🎯	5 real skills you use immediately
🔓	No tech background required whatsoever

Your 5-Day Plan

What's inside

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Day 1 — Meet Your AI Assistant

Set up tools, understand what AI can and can't do, write your first prompt

30 min

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Day 2 — Write Faster

Draft emails, summaries, and messages in a fraction of the time

30 min

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Day 3 — Research & Summarize

Cut research time by 80% using AI to synthesize and surface insights

30 min

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Day 4 — Analyze & Decide

Use AI as a thinking partner to stress-test decisions and surface blind spots

30 min

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Day 5 — Build Your AI Habit

Create your personal AI workflow and set goals for the month ahead

30 min

D1

Day One · 30 Minutes

Meet Your AI Assistant

Today is about one thing: your first real conversation with an AI tool. Not a demo, not a tutorial — your actual work problem. You'll leave today having written your first useful prompt and gotten something genuinely helpful back.

🛠 Recommended free tools

- • **ChatGPT** (chat.openai.com)
- • **Claude** (claude.ai)
- • **Gemini** (gemini.google.com)

Any of these work — pick one and stick with it this week.

⏱ Today's mission

- ✓ Sign up for one free tool
- ✓ Write your first real prompt
- ✓ Refine it once using feedback
- ✓ Save the output somewhere

💬 Try this prompt — copy it exactly

"I'm a [your job title] and I need to [describe your task]. Help me [what you want]. Keep it [tone: professional/casual/concise]."

Example: "I'm a project manager and I need to write a status update email for a delayed project. Help me draft it in a calm, professional tone that acknowledges the delay without alarming stakeholders."

💡 Pro tip for Day 1

Don't overthink your first prompt. Just describe what you need in plain English — the same way you'd explain it to a smart colleague. You can always refine it. The goal today is to get something useful back and feel the "aha" moment.

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Day Two · 30 Minutes

Write Faster

Writing is where most professionals waste the most time. Today you'll use AI to draft emails, summaries, and messages — then learn the skill of editing AI output rather than writing from scratch. This single habit can save you 30–60 minutes every day.

💬 Prompt: Draft a professional email

"Write a professional email to [recipient] about [topic]. The goal is to [outcome]. My tone should be [warm/direct/formal]. Keep it under 150 words."

💬 Prompt: Summarize a long document

"Summarize the following text in 5 bullet points. Focus on the key decisions, action items, and any deadlines mentioned. [Paste your text here]"

💡 The editing mindset

AI gives you a first draft — your job is to edit, not accept. Review it like a senior colleague's work: adjust the tone, add your personality, fix any facts. Editing a draft is 5× faster than writing from scratch, even when you change a lot.

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Day Three · 30 Minutes

Research & Summarize

Research that used to take hours can now take minutes. Today you'll use AI to synthesize information, compare options, and surface insights — without drowning in browser tabs. Remember: always verify facts from AI with authoritative sources before using them in important work.

💬 Prompt: Compare options

"Compare [Option A] vs [Option B] for someone who needs to [use case]. Create a simple pros/cons table. Flag anything I should verify independently."

💬 Prompt: Rapid background research

"Give me a quick overview of [topic] — what it is, why it matters, and 3 things most people get wrong about it. Keep it to 200 words."

⚠️ Important: AI can hallucinate

AI is great at synthesizing and structuring information — but it can confidently state things that are wrong. Always verify statistics, quotes, names, and dates with a trusted primary source before presenting them as fact.

D4

Day Four · 30 Minutes

Analyze & Decide

AI is a powerful thinking partner. Today you'll use it to stress-test decisions, challenge assumptions, and surface blind spots — not to make decisions for you, but to make sure you've thought things through more rigorously before you commit.

💬 Prompt: Devil's advocate

"I'm planning to [your decision]. Play devil's advocate. What are the 3 strongest arguments against this? What am I potentially overlooking?"

💬 Prompt: Decision framework

"Help me think through [decision]. What are the key factors I should weigh? What information would change my answer? What would a good decision look like in 6 months?"

💡 The thinking partner mindset

AI doesn't know your full context — and that's fine. Give it enough background to be useful, then treat its output as a colleague's perspective: worth considering, not gospel. The value is in the friction it creates, not the answers it gives.

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Day Five · 30 Minutes

Build Your AI Habit

The goal isn't to use AI once — it's to make it part of how you work. Today you'll identify where AI fits into your daily routine and create a simple personal workflow you'll actually stick to.

💬 Prompt: Build your personal AI workflow

"I'm a [job title]. Based on these tasks I do regularly: [list 3–5 tasks], help me identify which ones AI could help with most. Then suggest a simple daily routine for using AI in my work."

💬 Prompt: Reflect on your week

"Based on the prompts I've tried this week, what patterns do you notice in how I use AI? What should I learn next to get more value from these tools?"

💡 The 1% rule

You don't need to master every AI tool. You just need to use AI 1% better each week. That compounds fast. A year from now, someone who started this week will be operating at a fundamentally different level than someone who waited.

You've made it

Week one done.
What's next?

You've now built the foundational habits that most professionals are still waiting to start. The gap between you and them grows every week you keep going.

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Learn by Role
AI skills tailored to your exact job

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