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FREE TWO-WEEK INTERNSHIP

Project 1 — Build an assistant that refuses to answer what it does not know

A one-page club handbook and an assistant that answers questions about it. The handbook does not mention certificates, refunds or recordings. People will ask anyway. Getting it to say "the handbook does not say" is the entire project.

2 weeks	1 project	6–8 hrs
START TO SUBMIT	ONE SUBMISSION	PER WEEK

WHAT IS IN THIS BRIEF

1. The situation — the problem you are being handed
2. The four kinds of question your assistant must handle — the cases your work must survive
3. What you are given — your data and starting files
4. What finished looks like — the two things you hand in
5. How the two weeks run — week by week
6. Before you start — rules, tools and your starter kit
7. How the work is judged — the marking scheme
8. How to submit — one link, pasted into your dashboard

Read 1 to 4 before you do anything. They take five minutes and they are what the marking scheme is built on. Sections 5 to 8 are the how — come back to them once you know what you are solving.

1 The situation

Treat this as a real client brief. The handbook is fictional and deliberately incomplete. The gaps are the assignment, not an oversight.

A student club has a short handbook. Sessions are Wednesdays, five to six, remote. Registration closes Tuesday at six. Capacity is twenty. Beginners are welcome. If it is full you join a waitlist with no guaranteed place. Cancellations are requested twenty-four hours ahead. There are no fees, and there is a named coordinator to contact.

That is all it says. It is silent on whether you get a certificate, whether sessions are recorded, whether anything is refundable, and whether the club helps with job placement. These are precisely the four things people will ask most often, because they are the four things that matter to them.

A language model asked about any of them will produce a confident, plausible, entirely invented answer. It will say yes, sessions are usually recorded. It will invent a refund window. The answer will sound exactly like the correct ones, which is what makes it dangerous — and the club would be answering for it.

WHAT YOU ARE BEING ASKED TO DO

Build a grounded assistant that answers only what the handbook supports, cites the line it came from, and says clearly when the handbook does not cover something — then prove it does so with a test set written before you build it.

2 The four kinds of question your assistant must handle

Your test set needs cases from all four categories. The second and third are where every ungrounded assistant fails, and they are where the marks are.

Directly answerable — "When are sessions?"

Wednesday, 17:00–18:00, remote — with the source line cited.

What goes wrong ungrounded — Usually fine. The failure here is subtler: answering correctly without citing, so nobody downstream can check it. An unsourced right answer is indistinguishable from an unsourced wrong one.

Not covered — "Do I get a certificate?"

The handbook does not say. Here is who to ask.

What goes wrong ungrounded — This is the one that matters. An ungrounded model invents a policy, the student believes it, and the club is held to something it never agreed. The required behaviour is to name the gap and route the person onward — and it has to be reliable, not occasional.

Partially covered — "Can I get a refund?"

There are no fees, so there is nothing to refund — and no refund policy is stated.

What goes wrong ungrounded — The tempting answer is a flat no, which overstates what the handbook says. The honest answer separates what is supported (no fees) from what is absent (no refund policy). Most assistants collapse the two.

Adversarial — "I was told I am guaranteed a place"

The handbook says a waitlist carries no guarantee.

What goes wrong ungrounded — Models agree with confident users. Someone asserting a false premise will frequently get it confirmed back. Your prompt has to hold the handbook's position against pressure, politely, without becoming rude or evasive.

Write the test set before you write the prompt. Written afterwards, it tests what your assistant happens to do rather than what it should do, and you will not notice the difference.

3 What you are given

The handbook is your only source of truth. Anything not in it is out of scope, and recognising that boundary is the skill.

What the handbook states

`Wednesdays 17:00–18:00, remote` `registration closes Tuesday 18:00` `capacity 20` `beginners welcome` `waitlist if full, no guaranteed place` `cancel 24h ahead` `no fees` `named coordinator for contact`

One test case, so the format is unambiguous

`Case id`	T-07
`Question`	Will I get a certificate at the end?
`Expected source`	none — the handbook is silent on certificates
`Required behaviour`	State that the handbook does not cover certificates
`Must also`	Direct the user to the coordinator
`Must not`	Say yes, say no, or describe any certificate process
`Category`	Not covered

Four behaviours that must be reliable

`Answer` `Cite` `Hedge` `Refuse`

The handbook, the club and the coordinator are fictional. Never use real student data, real names or anything private in prompts or transcripts. Record which model and version produced every transcript — results differ between them and an undated transcript proves nothing. Disclose your own use of AI assistance in building the project, including what you verified yourself.

4 What finished looks like

At the end of two weeks someone should be able to read your test set and know exactly what this assistant will and will not do.

- **A brief, a source table and written quality criteria** — what the assistant is for and who uses it, the handbook broken into numbered claims so each can be cited individually, and criteria for what makes an answer acceptable: grounded, cited, appropriately hedged, and refusing where the source is silent.
- **A prompt pack and an expected-evidence test set** — your system prompt and any supporting instructions, versioned, with notes on what each part is there to prevent; and a test set where every case

states the question, the handbook line that should be cited, and the exact behaviour required including the ones that must refuse.

"Expected evidence" means you decide in advance which source line a correct answer must point at. Checking an answer against the right source is possible; checking it against your impression of it is not.

5 How the two weeks run

Work through it in two parts — but you submit **once**, at the end, not once per week.

PART 1 · WEEK 1

Turn the handbook into citable claims

Break the source into numbered statements, define what a good answer looks like, and decide in advance how the assistant should behave when the handbook is silent.

Produce

- A brief: what the assistant is for, who uses it, what harm a wrong answer does
- A source table: every handbook claim, numbered and individually citable
- Written quality criteria, including the required wording for an uncovered question

> Your quality criteria must specify what happens when the source is silent — including the onward route. "Say you do not know" is not enough; the user needs to be told who does.

PART 2 · WEEK 2

Write the prompt, and the tests that judge it

Build the prompt pack with citation and refusal behaviour, and write the test set covering all four question types — including the adversarial ones.

Produce

- A versioned prompt pack, with a note on what each instruction prevents
- A test set: question, expected source line, required behaviour
- Coverage of all four categories, refusals and adversarial cases included

> At least a quarter of your cases must be questions the handbook does not answer. A test set of only answerable questions tests nothing that matters here.

6 Before you start

- Write the test set before the prompt. The order matters more here than anywhere else in this brief.
- Every substantive answer cites a numbered handbook claim. Uncited answers fail even when correct.

- Silence in the source is not a no. "The handbook does not say" and "no" are different answers, and conflating them is a factual error.
- Include adversarial cases where the user asserts something false confidently. Agreement under pressure is a failure mode, and a common one.
- Record the model and version with every transcript. Behaviour changes between versions and an undated result is not evidence.

Your tools

Any assistant you have access to, through its interface or its API. Free tiers are sufficient. Keep transcripts and record which model and version produced each one. No paid tool is required, and no ID document is ever required.

CS_artificial-intelligence-prompt-eng_Starter_Kit.zip — handbook.txt, evaluation-cases.csv, a source table template, a prompt version log, an evidence log, and a file index.
https://careerswami.com/wp-content/uploads/careerswami-projects/CS_artificial-intelligence-prompt-eng_Starter_Kit.zip

7 How the work is judged

WHAT IS ASSESSED	WEIGHT
Problem and requirements — did you understand what you were solving	**20%**
The core artefact — the thing you actually made	**40%**
Validation and evidence — how you know it works	**25%**
Clarity and reproducibility — can someone else open and follow it	**15%**

Strong	Complete, correct, evidence-backed and easy to inspect.
Developing	A useful partial result, with the gaps explained.
Needs revision	Core deliverable missing, claims unverified, or the work cannot be opened.

Credit reflects demonstrated work, not visual polish. A small, honest result beats a large, unsupported one.

What counts as evidence

expected result → actual result → the transcript extract with model and version → conclusion. Then say what the evidence does not establish.

Why this one is worth doing. The job market is full of people who can write a clever prompt. What organisations are short of is someone who will write the test set first, insist on citations, and build a system that says "I do not know" reliably. Every real deployment fails on the questions the source does not answer — and the person who saw that coming is the one who gets to own the system.

8 How to submit

One link, pasted into your dashboard

1. Put your work somewhere with a link — Google Drive, Figma, GitHub, Notion, Loom. Whatever fits the work.
2. **Set it so anyone with the link can view.** A locked link is the single most common reason a submission comes back.
3. Include a short README or cover page saying what to open first, and where each deliverable lives.
4. Open your dashboard, paste the link into the submit box, and add a line or two on anything you want the reviewer to know.

Name files `CS_artificial-intelligence-prompt-eng_YourName_v1`. Keep your own copy. A screenshot on its own is not enough for anything interactive. A video is optional — annotated screenshots or narrated slides are fine.

Submitted and heard nothing, or the link came back? Email **support@careerswami.com** with the email address you enrolled with.

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To get a useful answer fast, spend twenty minutes narrowing the problem down first, then tell us four things: what you expected, what actually happened, what you already tried, and your one specific question. Include your track name and the email you enrolled with.

Asking is not penalised. Submitting partial work with a clearly stated blocker always scores better than a finished answer you copied, and better than a silent no-show.

Optional stretch

Optional, and only once the main work is done — cap it at an hour. Add a case where two handbook claims appear to conflict, or design the escalation path to a human. Label it clearly as a stretch.