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LEARN ANYTHING 10X FASTER WITH CHATGPT

MY FULL LIST OF LEARNING CODES

Learning codes are short commands like /80-20 and /quizme that you type into ChatGPT to turn it into the tutor you actually need. Here are the 10 from my newest video, my four-code routine and my full list of 55, plus one prompt that teaches ChatGPT every single one at once.

The 10 codes from my newest video

My 4-code learning routine

55 learning codes, sorted by what you need

One setup prompt that teaches ChatGPT every code

Quick fixes when a code doesn't land

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Start Here: How Learning Codes Work

THE PLAN

1. Paste the setup prompt into ChatGPT so it knows every code.
2. Try the codes from the video on something you want to learn.
3. Grab more codes from the full list whenever you need them.

Before you start

Your app: ChatGPT on any plan, including free. Web, desktop or the phone app.

Your topic: One thing you want to learn, big or small. Investing, a language, a chapter for a test.

Your first goal: Run the codes on one topic and finish the quiz.

A code is a shortcut for a full instruction. Instead of typing "explain this like I'm five, with short sentences and one simple example," you just type /ELI5 and ChatGPT knows exactly what to do.

The codes from my videos work in any chat as they are, because ChatGPT gets what they mean from the name. To make all 55 work, and work the same way every time, you teach ChatGPT the list once with the setup prompt on the next page. It takes ten seconds.

How to type them

- **Code first, then the topic.** /80-20 investing. /quizme the French Revolution.
- **Stay in the same chat.** Once you've named the topic, every code after that works on it. Just type /ELI5.
- **Stack them.** /ELI5 /visual gets you a simple explanation and a diagram in one go.
- **Say your level.** "/80-20 Spanish, I'm a total beginner" gets you a way better answer than the code on its own.
- **Caps or a slash.** In my newest video, one-word codes are in caps, like **FEYNMAN**, and longer ones are one word with a slash, like **/makemindmap**. Caps and slashes don't matter to ChatGPT, so both ways work.

TIP

My four-code routine, in order: /80-20, /ELI5, /Socrates, /quizme. Everything else in this guide is for when you want to go further.

Copy This First: Teach ChatGPT Every Code

Open a new chat in ChatGPT, paste this in and send it. ChatGPT replies "Codes ready" and every code in this guide works for the rest of that chat.

PROMPT 1 | COPY & PASTE

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I learn with codes. When my message starts with one of the codes below, do exactly what that code says. Codes aren't case sensitive, and the slash is optional. Use the topic I type after the code, or the topic we're already on if I don't name one. I can stack codes, like /ELI5 /visual. Codes that need my answers (like /Socrates and /quizme) keep going until I say stop or type a new code. If I use a code that isn't on this list, work out what it means from its name and do that. If I paste this into a chat, reply only: "Codes ready. What do you want to learn?"

THE ROUTINE
/80-20 (or /8020): Give me the 20% of the topic that gets me 80% of the results. The 5 to 7 things that matter most, one line on why each matters, then what I can skip for now.
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Make them work in every chat

Pasting it into a chat only lasts for that chat. To have every code ready in every new chat, save it once:

- **Open Settings.** Click your name in the bottom left, then **Settings**.
- **Open Personalization.** Scroll down to **Custom instructions** and click **ChatGPT**.
- **Paste and save.** Paste the setup prompt into the box, under anything already there, and click **Save**.

The 10 Codes From My Video

Type them exactly like this, one after the other, in the same chat. Start with ELI5 and your topic, then every code after that works on the same topic. They work even without the setup prompt, because ChatGPT gets them from the name.

Code (type it like this)	What it does
ELI5 [YOUR TOPIC]	Explains it like you're five years old
80/20	Teaches you only the important 20% of the subject
/makestickynotes	Turns the whole topic into a visual sticky note guide
FEYNMAN	Explains it so simply that you actually understand it, then has you explain it back
/makemindmap	Maps out every key idea so you can see it
/quizme	Quizzes you one question at a time until you actually get it
/visualstudyguide	Turns any topic into a one-page study sheet
/firstprinciples	Breaks the topic all the way back down to the basics
SOCRATES	Teaches you by asking you questions instead of giving you the answer
DIAGRAM	Draws you a diagram of how the whole thing works

TIP

In my video I ran all ten on one topic (how airplanes fly) in one chat. The sticky notes, mind map, quiz and study guide come back as visuals right in the chat, not walls of text.

The Routine: My 4 Codes, In Order

This is the routine from my first learning codes video. Do all four in one chat, in this order, because each code builds on what ChatGPT just told you.

1. /80-20: Find what matters

Type **/80-20** and whatever you want to learn, like **/80-20 investing**. ChatGPT pulls out the 20% of the topic that gets you 80% of the results, so you only study what matters. You get the handful of things that actually move the needle, why each one matters and what you can skip for now.

2. /ELI5: Make it simple

Stay in the same chat and type **/ELI5**. It explains the whole thing so simply that a five-year-old could understand it. Everyday words, one simple example. If one part still feels fuzzy, type /ELI5 and that part.

3. /Socrates: Let it teach you

Type **/Socrates**. ChatGPT stops giving you answers and starts teaching you with questions, like a real tutor. Answer in your own words, even if you're not sure. This is where it actually sticks, because you're working it out yourself instead of just reading.

4. /quizme: Know it cold

Finish with **/quizme**. It quizzes you one question at a time until you actually know it cold, and anything you get wrong comes back until you get it right.

> **TIP**
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> Stuck on a /Socrates question? Type /hint and you get a nudge instead of the answer. Want it harder after the quiz? Type /hardmode.

All 55 Learning Codes

Looking for one you saw in a video? Press Ctrl+F (Cmd+F on a Mac) and type it in. Every code here is in the setup prompt, so once you've pasted it, they all work.

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How to Use Them Together

- **One topic, one sitting:** Run the four from my routine in one chat: /80-20, then /ELI5, then /Socrates, then /quizme. Finish with /recap and save it, so you have your notes.
- **Something big (a language, a skill, a whole subject):** Start with /levelcheck, then /roadmap or /30days. Every session, type /today and run the four codes on that lesson. At the end of each week, do /test, then /weakspots and /retry. /spaced tells you when to come back.
- **See it instead of reading it:** /makemindmap, then /makestickynotes, then /visualstudyguide. Save the study guide.
- **A test coming up:** /deadline with your test date, /80-20 on each chapter, /cheatsheet, then /rapidfire and /retry until you stop missing questions.

Stuck? Try these:

If you're...	Type
Confused	FEYNMAN, /analogy or /visual
Forgetting things	/mnemonic, /story or /flashcards
Bored of reading	/roleplay, /realworld or /project
Learning from a video or article	/teachthis, then /quizme
A visual learner	/makemindmap, /makestickynotes or /visualstudyguide
Not sure what to learn next	/whatsnext

Common Mistakes and Quick Fixes

If this happens	Try this
ChatGPT doesn't know a code	Paste the setup prompt at the top of the chat, or save it in your custom instructions so it's there every time.
The codes worked yesterday but not in a new chat	A pasted setup prompt only lasts for that chat. Save it under **Settings > Personalization > Custom instructions**.
A menu pops up when you type /	Ignore it and keep typing, or leave the slash off. The code still works.
The setup prompt won't fit in custom instructions	The box holds about 5,000 characters and the full prompt fits on its own. If you have other instructions there, cut the code groups you won't use.
The sticky notes or mind map come back as plain text	Say "show it as a visual" and send it again.
/Socrates gives you the answer anyway	Say "Don't tell me, just ask me." Then keep answering its questions.
/quizme stops after one question	Type /quizme again or say "keep going, one question at a time."
It's too hard or too easy	Say your level after the code ("/ELI5, I've never heard of this") or switch to /hardmode.
It forgot the topic	Put the topic after the code: /quizme photosynthesis.
An answer seems off	Ask it to search the web and show sources, and double-check anything important against your textbook or teacher.

DO THIS TODAY

Pick one thing you've been meaning to learn. Open ChatGPT, paste the setup prompt, then type /80-20 and that topic. Run /ELI5, /Socrates and /quizme in the same chat, and don't stop until you've finished the quiz.

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