EASY AI FOR EVERYDAY PRESENTS

PLOT TWIST.

Life gets messy.
Make AI useful.



TRY ONE FULL EPISODE / FREE PREVIEW

Case + two routes + a twist. Page numbers match the full edition.

The message you should not send.

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Friday, 4:40 p.m. One new message. There goes your weekend?

Alex asks: "Could you send a complete first draft by Monday at 9? It should be quick." You want to help. You also know that a friendly yes would create a promise you cannot keep.

THE REQUEST

A complete 6-section draft, due Monday at 9 a.m.

YOUR CAPACITY

20 minutes remain today. You are unavailable this weekend.

WHAT IS POSSIBLE

A 6-bullet outline takes 20 minutes. A full draft takes about 2 hours.

THE BOUNDARY

Tuesday at noon is your earliest full-draft delivery. No one has approved a smaller scope.



CHOOSE YOUR NEXT MOVE

Offer a smaller first step

ROUTE A / PAGE 6

Keep the full scope; move the date

ROUTE B / PAGE 7

A smaller yes.

Use when an outline would let the other person start. The trade-off: you must name what the outline does not include.

WORKED EXAMPLE / EDITORIAL MODEL

DRAFT

Hi Alex - I can send a six-bullet outline today so you have a starting point. I cannot complete the full draft by Monday at 9. My earliest full draft is Tuesday at noon. Would the outline today and full draft Tuesday work?

WHY THIS ROUTE WORKS

It offers progress without quietly accepting the impossible deadline. The question asks for agreement; it does not pretend agreement already exists.

TRY THE INSTRUCTION

Using only the case facts below, draft a friendly reply under 75 words. Offer a six-bullet outline today and the full draft Tuesday at noon. Clearly say the Monday 9 a.m. full-draft deadline is not possible. Ask whether this alternative works. Do not invent a reason, apologize repeatedly, or imply acceptance.

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A clear no.
An open door.

Use when a partial deliverable would confuse the request. The trade-off: the other person may need to find someone else.

WORKED EXAMPLE / EDITORIAL MODEL

DRAFT

Hi Alex - I can deliver the complete first draft Tuesday at noon, but I cannot meet Monday at 9. If Monday is fixed, we will need another plan. Would Tuesday work, or should we discuss a different owner for this draft?

WHY THIS ROUTE WORKS

The date is concrete. A different owner is a possibility to discuss, not an assignment you made without authority.

TRY THE INSTRUCTION

Using only the case facts below, draft a calm reply under 65 words. Keep the full six-section scope. State Tuesday at noon as the earliest delivery and say Monday at 9 is not possible. If Monday is fixed, suggest discussing another owner without assigning one. End with one clear question.

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Now life changes the brief.

THE PLOT TWIST

Alex replies: "Monday is fixed. Just do what you can." That still does not define an acceptable deliverable.

YOUR NEXT INSTRUCTION / TXT FILE 01T

Continue the case conversation. Ask Alex to confirm whether a six-bullet outline, rather than a full draft, is acceptable for Monday. Keep Tuesday at noon as the full-draft date. Do not convert "do what you can" into approval. Give one reply under 60 words.

KEEP THIS

A reply you can stand behind after the other person reads it.

- [ ] Every date and deliverable matches your actual capacity.
- [ ] The message makes a proposal, not an unapproved commitment.
- [ ] You would say the wording aloud without cringing.

COMPARE YOUR NEXT MOVE: TWIST_DEBRIEFS.TXT / 01

Use the same move for a volunteer request, family favor, client revision, or group project. Replace the scope and capacity; keep the boundary explicit.