

DeepSeek: A Step-by-Step Beginner's Guide

1) Pick one tiny goal (2 minutes)

Choose a small, useful task you'll finish in this session.

Examples: "Summarize an article," "Draft a short email," "Write a Python snippet."

2) Understand what DeepSeek is

- **What it is:** A large language model (LLM), like ChatGPT.
- **What it can do:**
 - Answer questions clearly.
 - Write/edit text (emails, essays, resumes, stories).
 - Translate between languages.
 - Help with coding (write, debug, explain).
 - Brainstorm ideas for projects, names, or writing.
- **Cost:** As of now, the **core DeepSeek Chat service is free.**

3) Get access

- **Web:** Open any browser → go to chat.deepseek.com.
- **No account needed:** You can start chatting instantly.
- **Optional sign-up:** Create a free account with email/Google/Apple to save chats across devices.

Pro tip: Always check you're on the official site for privacy and security.

4) Know the interface

When the site loads, you'll see:

- **Main chat window:** Where the conversation happens (with example prompts).
- **Input box:** At the bottom—type your prompt here.
- **Send button / Enter key:** To submit your prompt.
- **Sidebar (if logged in):** Past chats, with options to rename/delete/search.
- **Model selector:** Sometimes you'll see DeepSeek-V2 or V3; stick with the default.

5) Learn the art of prompting

Your instructions = **prompts**. Clear prompts = better results.

- **Start simple:**
You: What is the capital of France?
AI: Paris.
- **Ask for explanation:**
You: Explain photosynthesis like I'm 10.
- **Give it a role:**
You: Act as a fitness trainer. Create a 15-minute beginner routine.
- **Provide context:**
You: I'm writing a blog post about gardening. Outline 5 benefits.
- **Bad prompt:** Write about cats.
- **Good prompt:** Write three fun facts about why cats purr. Tone: engaging, social media style.

6) Try different tasks

Copy/paste these into DeepSeek:

- **Writing:** Draft a professional email to request a day off next week.
- **Coding:** Write a Python function that calculates factorial.
- **Brainstorming:** Suggest 10 creative names for a cold brew coffee shop.
- **Learning:** Summarize *Macbeth* in three paragraphs.

7) Refine and improve responses

You rarely get the best answer on the first try. Tweak it:

- “Make it shorter.”
- “Rewrite in formal tone.”
- “Add a point about cost-saving.”

If it’s wrong:

- Correct it politely: “The capital of Australia is Canberra, not Sydney. Can you confirm?”
- Use **Stop** (to cut off a long reply) or **Regenerate** (to get a different version).

8) Follow best practices

- **Protect privacy:** Don’t share personal data, passwords, or addresses.
- **Fact-check:** Especially health, law, or current events.
- **Remember:** It’s not sentient—just a smart pattern matcher.
- **Use as a tool:** Let it help you, but don’t outsource all thinking.

9) Explore advanced features

- **DeepSeek API:** Developers can integrate DeepSeek into apps.
- **DeepSeek Coder:** A model fine-tuned for code generation & debugging.
- **Community:** Join the official Discord or subreddit for tips & tricks.