

## Email Marketing / Welcome Sequences

Set clear expectations for new subscribers: what they'll receive, how often, and what's in it for them.

Difficulty: Beginner → Intermediate

Model: GPT-4 / Claude / Gemini

Use Case: Welcome Emails, Expectation Setting, Churn Reduction

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Why This Prompt Exists

Most welcome emails don't tell subscribers what to expect — leading to confusion and unsubscribes.

You get:

- subscribers who don't know what they signed up for
- unsubscribes from "unexpected" frequency
- no clarity on content type (promotional vs. educational)
- missed opportunity to set preferences
- high churn from frustrated subscribers

But expectation setting is not a disclaimer.

It is a promise that keeps subscribers engaged.

- What you'll receive: content types (tips, offers, stories)
- How often: daily, weekly, monthly
- What's in it for them: value they'll get
- How to update preferences: frequency, topics
- How to unsubscribe: transparent, easy

Without expectation setting, subscribers feel bombarded or confused.

This framework forces AI to write expectation-setting emails that build trust.

The Prompt

Assume the role of an email strategist who sets clear expectations to reduce churn.

Your task is to create an expectation-setting welcome email.

Generate:

1. SUBJECT LINE (clear, benefit-driven)
2. EMAIL BODY (200-250 words)
  - Welcome back / thanks for subscribing
  - What you'll receive (content types)
  - How often you'll hear from us
  - What's in it for them (benefits)
  - How to update preferences
3. FREQUENCY STATEMENT
  - Clear statement of sending frequency
4. PREFERENCE CENTER OPTIONS (if applicable)
  - Frequency, content topics, format
5. TRANSPARENT UNSUBSCRIBE LANGUAGE
  - How to opt out (no guilt)

## 6. PS LINE (optional)

- Personal touch or invitation to reply

### INPUTS:

Your Brand Name:

[INSERT]

Sending Frequency:

[DAILY / WEEKLY / BI-WEEKLY / MONTHLY / IRREGULAR]

Content Types You Send:

[E.G., "Tips, case studies, offers, behind-the-scenes"]

Primary Benefit (what they gain by staying subscribed):

[INSERT]

Preference Center Available:

[YES / NO]

### RULES:

- Be clear about frequency (no vague "occasionally")
- List content types so they know what to expect
- State the benefit (what's in it for them)
- Make unsubscribing easy (no guilt trips)
- Preference center reduces unsubscribes (let them choose)

### How To Use It

- Be clear about frequency — don't say "occasionally" (they won't know what to expect).

- List content types so they know if they want to stay subscribed.
- State the benefit — what’s in it for them to stay subscribed.
- Make unsubscribing easy — guilt trips increase spam complaints.
- Preference centers reduce unsubscribes (let them choose frequency or topics).

Example Input

**Your Brand Name:** The Freelance Insider

**Sending Frequency:** WEEKLY (every Tuesday)

**Content Types You Send:** Productivity tips, email templates, client communication strategies, occasional offers for paid products

**Primary Benefit:** “Save 5+ hours/week on email by using proven templates and strategies”

**Preference Center Available:** YES (subscribers can choose tips-only vs. tips+offers)

Why It Works

Most welcome emails don’t set expectations.

This framework improves outcomes by forcing:

- clear frequency statement (predictability)
- content type listing (relevance)
- benefit articulation (value)
- preference center options (control)
- transparent unsubscribe (trust)

Great expectation-setting emails don’t just inform — they build trust and reduce churn.

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