

## Image Generation / DALL·E

Convert prompts between platforms, explaining what changes and why — cross-model porting intelligence.

Difficulty: Advanced

Model: GPT-4 / Claude / Gemini

Use Case: Multi-Platform Workflow, Model Switching

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Why This Prompt Exists

A prompt that works perfectly in Midjourney produces garbage in DALL·E — and vice versa. The syntax, parameter names, and interpretation styles are completely different.

You get:

- DALL·E prompts that Midjourney ignores (wrong parameter syntax)
- Midjourney prompts that DALL·E misinterprets (no weight syntax)
- no understanding of what needs to change when switching models
- wasted credits testing incompatible prompts
- inability to leverage both platforms' strengths

But translation is systematic:

- parameter mapping: -ar (MJ) → size (DE)
- weight syntax: ::2 (MJ) → descriptive emphasis (DE)
- style control: -sref (MJ) → style keywords (DE)

- negative prompts: -no (MJ) → “without” descriptions (DE)
- text rendering: MJ poor → DE better (adjust expectations)

Without translation, you can't use both tools effectively.

This prompt converts prompts between DALL·E and Midjourney.

The Prompt

Assume the role of a cross-platform prompt engineer who translates between models.

Your task is to convert prompts between DALL·E and Midjourney formats.

Generate:

### 1. SOURCE PROMPT

- Platform: [MIDJOURNEY / DALL·E]
- Full prompt: [paste]
- Parameters used: [list]

### 2. TRANSLATION MAPPING

MJ Component	DE Equivalent	Translation Rule
--ar 16:9	size=1792x1024	Aspect ratio to pixel dimensions
--ar 9:16	size=1024x1792	
--c 50	No direct equivalent	Use descriptive variation requests
--s 500	style=vivid + HD	Stylize to vivid style
--no text	"without text" description	Negative to positive

phrasing |  
| word::2 | "important word" emphasis | Weight to descriptive emphasis  
|  
| --sref | No equivalent | Describe style in words |  
| --seed | --seed (same syntax) | Works identically |

### 3. CONVERTED PROMPTS

**\*\*Midjourney → DALL·E\*\***

`[subject description], [style keywords], [lighting], [color palette]  
--size [X]x[Y] --style [vivid/natural] --quality [standard/hd]`

**\*\*DALL·E → Midjourney\*\***

`[subject description] --ar [X:Y] --s [value] --style [raw/creative] -  
-no [negative terms]`

### 4. STRENGTH-BASED RECOMMENDATIONS

Task	Best Platform	Reason
Text rendering	DALL·E	Significantly better at readable text
Photorealistic	Midjourney	Better lighting, texture, composition
Stylized illustration	Both	Different aesthetics, try both
Character consistency	Midjourney	Has --cref (DALL·E lacks)
Style reference	Midjourney	Has --sref (DALL·E lacks)
Inpainting/editing	DALL·E	Native editor, easier workflow

| Fast iteration | DALL·E | Faster generations, lower cost |

## 5. TRANSLATION EXAMPLES

**\*\*Example 1: MJ → DE\*\***

MJ: `cyberpunk city at night --ar 16:9 --s 500 --no text`

DE: `Cyberpunk city at night, neon lights, rain on streets, without any text or signs, dramatic lighting, vibrant colors --size 1792x1024 --style vivid --quality hd`

**\*\*Example 2: DE → MJ\*\***

DE: `A cozy coffee shop interior, warm lighting, wooden tables, steam rising from cups --size 1024x1024 --style natural`

MJ: `A cozy coffee shop interior, warm lighting, wooden tables, steam rising from cups --ar 1:1 --s 200 --style raw`

## 6. PLATFORM-SPECIFIC NOTES

**\*\*When translating TO DALL·E:\*\***

- Remove :: weight syntax (not supported)
- Convert aspect ratios to pixel dimensions
- Move negative prompts to positive "without" descriptions
- Add specific style keywords (vivid/natural)

**\*\*When translating TO Midjourney:\*\***

- Add --ar (default 1:1 if not specified)
- Add --s 200-500 for stylization
- Add --style raw for photorealism
- Convert descriptive emphasis to :: weight syntax

#### INPUTS:

Source platform:

[MIDJOURNEY / DALL·E]

Target platform:

[MIDJOURNEY / DALL·E]

Original prompt:

[PASTE THE PROMPT TO TRANSLATE]

Intended use case:

[E.G., "Text-heavy infographic" or "Fantasy character art"]

#### RULES:

- DALL·E has no direct equivalent for --c (chaos) or --sref (style reference)
- Midjourney has no direct equivalent for DALL·E's inpainting/outpainting
- Text rendering: always prefer DALL·E for text-heavy prompts
- Photorealism: always prefer Midjourney for product shots, portraits
- Test translated prompts on 2-3 variations before production
- Keep a translation log for reuse (common conversions)
- Some prompts cannot be perfectly translated; adjust expectations

## How To Use It

- DALL·E has no direct equivalent for -c (chaos) or -sref (style reference) — describe these in words instead.
- Midjourney has no direct equivalent for DALL·E's native inpainting/outpainting — use external tools.
- Text rendering: always prefer DALL·E for text-heavy prompts (logos, signs, book covers).
- Photorealism: always prefer Midjourney for product shots, portraits, realistic scenes.
- Test translated prompts on 2-3 variations before production.
- Keep a translation log for reuse — common conversions save time.
- Some prompts cannot be perfectly translated; adjust expectations accordingly.

## Example Input

### **Source platform:**

"MIDJOURNEY"

### **Target platform:**

"DALL·E"

### **Original prompt:**

`fantasy warrior with glowing sword -ar 16:9 -s 600 -no helmet`

### **Intended use case:**

"Character art for a game banner"

## Why It Works

Most users treat DALL·E and Midjourney as interchangeable — then get frustrated when prompts don't transfer. They are not interchangeable.

This framework improves outcomes by forcing:

- parameter mapping (what translates directly vs. what needs transformation)
- strength-based recommendations (which tool for which task)
- translation examples (concrete before/after comparisons)
- platform-specific notes (what to add, remove, or adjust)
- expectation management (what can't be perfectly translated)

**Failure modes this prevents:**

- DALL·E ignoring Midjourney parameters (wrong syntax)
- Midjourney misinterpreting DALL·E weight syntax (not supported)
- Text rendering in Midjourney (poor results)
- Photorealism in DALL·E (often less convincing)

**This improves on:** “Same prompt, different tool” guessing. Systematic translation produces usable results on both platforms.

**Related to:** MJ-01 (Midjourney Parameters), DE-01 (DALL·E Parameters) for reference.

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