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Introduction

If you run a small business, your days are full. You are the head of sales and service, the person who orders supplies, replies to customers at 10 p.m., files the receipts, and figures out why the website form stopped working. You don't need another buzzword or a lecture on the future of work—you need hours back this week, fewer dropped balls, and systems that don't depend on one heroic person to hold them together. This book is for you.

Practical AI for Small Business is a step-by-step playbook—not a theory book or a technology brochure. It is written for owners, operators, and managers who don't have an engineering team but want the benefits of automation: saved time, lower costs, better customer experiences, and more revenue. The focus throughout is on low-risk, high-reward moves you can implement with a small team and a modest budget. We'll show you exactly what to set up, in what order, with templates, prompts, checklists, and simple worksheets you can copy, paste, and adapt. Think of this as a field guide: clear instructions, plain language, and examples from businesses like yours.

Why this book, and why now? Over the last few years, AI tools have shifted from specialized, expensive software into simple, affordable services that anyone can use. You don't need to code. You don't need to hire a data scientist. You can connect a handful of well-chosen tools to triage email, draft social posts, summarize customer messages, log receipts, schedule appointments, prepare proposals, and generate weekly summaries—often in a single afternoon. The returns are immediate and measurable. The risk is manageable if you follow a few common-sense practices around data handling and vendor selection. And the playing field is tilted in your favor: small teams implement faster than big ones.

Who is this book for? If you own or lead a small or micro business—retail shop, professional services firm, agency, clinic, home services, local franchise—or you manage operations, marketing, or customer service for one, you're in the right place. If you're a solo consultant, designer, accountant, or contractor who wants to automate repetitive work so you can focus on billable time and quality, this book will pay for itself quickly. Advisors who serve small businesses—bookkeepers, coaches, IT consultants—will also find ready-to-use templates and frameworks you can take directly to clients.

Here is what you will get. Each chapter breaks a business problem into clear steps, shows you the minimum toolset required, and gives you templates, scripts, and prompts to get results immediately. You'll find:

- A ready-to-use prompt library organized by function.
- Implementation checklists and SOP templates you can adopt as-is.
- Vendor comparison worksheets with plain-English criteria.
- ROI calculators you can run in a spreadsheet to prioritize projects.
- Case studies from relatable businesses—shops, trades, clinics, agencies—so you can copy what works.

Just as important, we will cover safety, privacy, and responsible use in terms that make sense for small businesses. You'll learn how to minimize sensitive data, ask the right vendor questions, test responsibly, and communicate transparently with customers and employees. No academic jargon—just practical guardrails.

A short story to show what's possible: Meet Tasha, who owns a three-chair hair studio on a busy neighborhood street. Before automation, she spent Monday mornings sifting through a pile of texts, DMs, and voicemails to confirm appointments, juggling last-minute cancellations, and manually updating her calendar. Receipts lived in a shoebox that came out sheepishly at tax time. Reviews were great when she remembered to ask, but often she didn't. We set up three simple automations in one afternoon: an online booking form with automatic confirmations and reminders; a review request that goes out two hours after checkout; and a receipt-capture workflow that scans and categorizes photos of paper receipts into her accounting app. The results were tangible within two weeks: no-shows dropped, her Google rating climbed with a steady stream of new reviews, and her Monday mornings turned into revenue-generating appointments instead of admin.

Or consider Leon, who runs a five-person landscaping company. He used to spend evenings writing estimates, replying to repeat questions, and chasing unpaid invoices. We helped him add a website chat widget trained on his services and prices to answer common questions and capture contact info; a simple proposal generator that turns a site visit note into a well-formatted estimate; and an invoice reminder sequence that's firm but friendly. The chat saves Leon dozens of interruptions each week, estimates go out the same day instead of next week, and cash comes in sooner. None of this required a developer. It required a handful of tools, a few templates, and the decision to start with the highest-friction tasks.

This book teaches you how to find those high-friction tasks in your own business and automate them safely. You'll start with a quick audit to identify repetitive work that steals time but doesn't require your unique judgment. We will use a simple value-versus-complexity exercise to choose three projects that earn back time and improve customer experience. Then we'll walk through the exact steps to set them up, with screenshots, sample prompts, and scripts you can adapt. You'll learn how to measure results in plain numbers: hours saved, messages answered, leads followed up, invoices paid, revenue per employee. The goal is progress you can see on your calendar and in your bank account.

Let's set expectations. When we say "AI," we mean a practical set of capabilities that are now accessible to small teams: drafting and improving text, summarizing and classifying messages, extracting data from documents, generating simple images and audio clips, and making basic predictions based on patterns in your data. In this book, AI is not a mysterious brain. It's a set of reliable assistants that are great at repetitive, language-heavy tasks and structured data chores. These assistants can work 24/7, follow your instructions, and hand things to a human whenever confidence is low or a situation is sensitive. They are not a replacement for your judgment, your craft, or your relationship with customers. They are here to make your best work easier to deliver consistently.

Because the tools are powerful, we'll also be clear about limits. AI can draft, but you review. AI can categorize receipts, but you keep final oversight. AI can answer frequently asked questions, but complex or emotional cases go to a human with empathy and authority. We'll show you how to set escalation rules, write fallback messages, and make sure your automation never traps a customer in an endless loop. Wherever a mistake would be costly or personal, humans stay in the loop.

This is a playbook, so you'll get a structure to follow. The book is organized into six parts. Part I covers foundations: what AI can do, how to get started without code, how to choose projects, and how to stay safe. Part II dives into operations—support, bookkeeping, scheduling, inventory, HR. Part III focuses on marketing and sales—content, personalization, lead follow-up, reviews, and sales enablement. Part IV gives you the data tools—dashboards, forecasting, reporting, and decision support. Part V shows how to scale with hybrid teams, market tests, SOPs, and partnerships. Part VI covers ethics and real-world case studies, then closes with a 90-day roadmap you can begin today.

You can use this book in two ways. The Quick-Start Path is for the busy owner who wants results this week. Read the Introduction and Chapters 1-4 to get oriented, then jump to the three chapters most relevant to your current bottleneck. If you need fewer support emails, start with customer support (Chapter 5). If bookkeeping is a mess, start with Chapter 6. If you need leads, Chapter 10 on content and Chapter 12 on follow-up will help immediately. Use the templates as-is, measure your results, and keep moving. The Deep-Dive Path is for readers who want to build a repeatable system that scales. Read straight through, implement the exercises in sequence, and complete the end-of-chapter action steps. By the time you finish, you'll have a living playbook, a set of SOPs, and a scoreboard that guides your decisions.

What tools will you need? Not many. A no-code automation platform to connect apps. Your existing email, calendar, and file storage. A form or chat tool for capturing customer information. An accounting app if you don't already have one. Optional add-ons for SMS, scheduling, and simple databases. We'll recommend categories and

comparison criteria, but we won't lock you into a specific brand. The worksheets help you shortlist vendors based on cost, features, and reliability. The prompts and templates are vendor-agnostic so you can switch tools later without starting from scratch.

If you are worried about cost, we'll keep you on a tight budget. Most of the automations in this book can run on affordable monthly plans. The real investment is your time to set things up—and we will minimize that with checklists and step-by-step recipes. You'll also learn how to calculate back-of-the-envelope ROI: if a \$30/month tool saves two hours of admin time a week, and your time is worth even \$40/hour, the math is obvious. We'll give you a simple calculator to track savings and prioritize the next project.

If you are worried about complexity, we'll keep it simple. You don't need to program. You will copy and adapt tested prompts that turn AI from vague idea into specific, repeatable instructions. You'll see diagrams showing how information moves between tools. You'll test everything with a small sample before going live. And you'll use checklists to make sure you didn't miss a step.

If you are worried about risk, we'll keep you safe. You will learn data minimization (send only what's needed), consent basics (be clear with customers), vendor vetting (security, uptime, support), and testing (start small, measure, iterate). You'll see transparency language you can add to your website and receipts. You'll keep humans in the loop where it counts. And you'll establish a simple governance rhythm: a monthly review of what's working, what's failing, and what needs an update.

As you implement, you'll create a living playbook for your business. Each automation becomes part of your standard operating procedures: how to handle a new customer, how to qualify a lead, how to send a proposal, how to escalate support, how to collect payments. The playbook makes your business resilient. New employees ramp faster. You can take a vacation without dread. Customers experience the same quality every time, regardless of who's on shift.

What about your team? Automation is not about replacing people—it's about removing the tedious parts of their jobs so they can deliver higher-value work. In this book, you'll see hybrid staffing models that make small teams feel bigger without burning them out. You'll set clear thresholds for when to hire, and you'll track the KPIs that signal it's time to add a role. You'll also learn how to communicate changes so your team understands the "why" and participates in the design.

You will also learn how to experiment without gambling. In the growth chapters, you'll use low-cost tests to explore new channels or offers: a landing page, an ad variant, an email sequence. AI helps you generate ideas, write copy, and analyze results quickly. You'll keep the experiments small, time-boxed, and data-driven, so you get answers

without distracting the business. When something works, you'll know how to scale it. When it doesn't, you'll move on without regret.

Throughout the book, short expert sidebars offer focused guidance: a lawyer on privacy basics, an accountant on clean bookkeeping, a product manager on scoping a simple workflow, an operations consultant on building SOPs, and more. These mini-lessons are designed to answer the questions that usually stall progress. You don't need to master everything; you need just enough to take the next step safely and confidently.

A word about your voice and brand. AI can write quickly, but your business has a personality—your voice is an asset. We'll show you how to capture that voice, teach it to your tools, and keep your messaging consistent across channels. Instead of generic content, you'll produce short, useful messages that sound like you, delivered to the right person at the right moment.

Finally, a promise and a challenge. If you follow the playbook, you can implement two to three meaningful automations in the next 30 days. You will see a difference on your calendar and in your customer feedback. You'll feel the pressure ease. Then, with the same approach, you can scale thoughtfully over the next 90 days and beyond. None of this requires heroics, just a steady cadence: pick a target, use the templates, test, measure, adjust, repeat.

How to get the most out of this book starting today:

- Skim the Table of Contents and circle the three chapters that address your biggest frustrations right now.
- Set aside a two-hour block this week. Bring your laptop, your current tools, and the relevant chapter's checklist.
- Implement one small automation end-to-end. Don't aim for perfect. Aim for done and measurable.
- Share the result with your team and update your SOPs immediately. Celebrate the win.
- Choose the next target and repeat.

Small businesses thrive on momentum. Practical AI gives you momentum you can feel: fewer repetitive tasks, faster responses, clearer data, and more time for the work only you can do. The rest of this book is your map. Let's begin.

CHAPTER ONE: The New Toolbox: What AI Can Do for Small Business

The first time many business owners touch AI, it feels like magic. You type a few words, and a draft email appears. You upload a stack of receipts, and a spreadsheet fills itself. A chat widget on your website answers a customer's question at nine o'clock at night. But the moment the magic fades, a practical question lands with a thud: what else can it do, and where does it fit in the messy reality of a small business? That's where we start—by mapping the toolbox in plain language so you can spot high-value opportunities without getting lost in hype.

Think of today's AI as a set of reliable assistants that are very good at specific, repetitive tasks. They read, write, summarize, classify, extract data from documents, create simple images and audio, and notice patterns in your historical numbers. They are not a single brain that you plug into your company, and they are not a replacement for your judgment, craft, or relationships. They are best at taking first passes, handling routine work at all hours, and surfacing the information you need to make decisions faster. When you set clear expectations, you avoid disappointment and get measurable results.

Let's look at the day-to-day capabilities that matter to small businesses. Text automation is the most accessible: drafting emails, social posts, and ads; summarizing long customer messages; turning meeting notes into action items; and improving grammar and tone. Document handling is next: extracting names, amounts, dates from invoices and receipts; converting forms into structured records; spotting missing information. Image and audio tasks are simpler than most people think: resizing product photos, creating graphics for social posts, turning typed scripts into voiceovers for short videos. Structured data tasks include classifying expenses, scoring leads by simple rules, and flagging unusual transactions. Predictive tasks are surprisingly practical: forecasting next month's sales based on past patterns, identifying items that are likely to go out of stock, estimating which customers might need a follow-up.

To make this concrete, here are everyday examples that many businesses implement in a single afternoon. A home repair company routes incoming texts to the right technician based on keywords like "leak" or "no heat," then sends a canned response with a booking link and a photo checklist for the job. A retail shop scans emailed purchase orders, extracts line items, and updates inventory in a spreadsheet with a single click. A coaching business uses a chatbot to answer common questions about program length and pricing during off-hours, then sends a summary of the

conversation to the coach's inbox if a human needs to step in. A small clinic automates appointment reminders by SMS with an option to reschedule, cutting no-shows and freeing the front desk.

A quick reality check helps here. AI is not a magic wand; it is a powerful but imperfect assistant that still needs oversight. In practice, this means keeping humans in the loop on anything sensitive or expensive: legal language, financial decisions, customer complaints, medical advice, or any situation where a mistake would cost you more than the time saved. AI will occasionally misunderstand context, misread a document, or offer a confident answer when it should say, "I don't know." Set a rule: when confidence is low or stakes are high, route the task to a person. This simple control keeps risk manageable while preserving most of the time savings.

To help you talk about AI without feeling like you're faking it, here is a small glossary you can use with your team and vendors. These are short, plain definitions that avoid jargon.

Term	Plain meaning
AI assistant	A tool that takes instructions and completes tasks like writing, summarizing, or extracting data.
Automation	Setting up apps to perform steps automatically when a trigger happens, like a new email arriving.
Integration	A way for two tools to talk to each other without manual copying and pasting.
Prompt	Clear instructions you give the AI to get the result you want, including context and format.
Model	The engine that powers an assistant. You usually don't choose the engine; you choose the assistant that uses it.
API	An interface that lets software systems exchange data automatically; often used in no-code connectors.
Template	A reusable structure you can fill in to produce consistent results.

Before we go further, let's clear out the fog around AI myths that stop people from starting. Here are five common beliefs that sound plausible but get in the way of progress, along with the truth you can act on right now.

Myth 1: You need a developer to use AI for your business. Truth: You don't. Modern no-code platforms let you connect apps, run prompts, and build simple workflows using visual tools. You can set up a "recipe" that triggers when an email arrives, sends the text to an AI assistant, and saves the summary to a note or spreadsheet. This is more like assembling Lego bricks than writing computer code. If you can make a pivot table,

you can manage a basic automation.

Myth 2: AI will replace your employees. Truth: It replaces tasks, not people—especially the tedious, repetitive tasks that drain energy. When you automate routine work, your team can spend more time on high-value interactions, creative problem solving, and relationship building. Most small businesses that adopt AI end up reshuffling roles rather than cutting them: your scheduler becomes a dispatcher who manages exception cases; your bookkeeper becomes an analyst who reviews flagged transactions and finds savings.

Myth 3: AI is only for big companies with big data. Truth: Most AI tools work well with modest amounts of information. You can draft marketing copy using only your brand voice notes. You can forecast demand with two years of sales history in a spreadsheet. You can classify expenses using a short list of categories you already use. Start with the data you have, improve data quality as you go, and don't wait for a perfect warehouse that may never arrive.

Myth 4: AI is a black box that's impossible to explain. Truth: You can demand transparency and design guardrails. Most AI assistants will cite sources or show the raw data they used to generate a summary. You can set rules that require human approval before sending a message to a customer. You can log outputs and review them weekly to spot mistakes. Treat AI like a confident intern: you set boundaries, give clear instructions, and review their work before it goes out the door.

Myth 5: Once you set an automation, it runs forever without oversight. Truth: AI and automation require maintenance. Customer needs change. New products launch. Prompts need tuning. A once-a-month review of logs, error messages, and metrics keeps your system healthy. The businesses that get the most value treat AI like an ongoing toolset, not a one-time project. A simple rhythm—review, adjust, measure—makes the difference between a fragile trick and a resilient system.

With the myths out of the way, it helps to group AI capabilities into a small set of practical buckets. Think of these as the tools in your new toolbox, each designed for a specific job. The goal isn't to collect every tool; it's to match the right tool to the friction points you discovered in your quick audit.

- Writing and summarization: Drafting emails, social posts, ads, product descriptions; condensing long messages into clear action items; rewriting content to fit a brand voice. Useful when language work repeats daily or when your team spends time explaining the same thing over and over.
- Document and data extraction: Pulling structured information from invoices, receipts, forms, and purchase orders; converting images of text into usable data. Useful when you spend time re-keying information between systems or correcting spreadsheet rows.
- Image and audio creation: Generating simple graphics, resizing photos,

producing short voiceovers, or turning scripts into basic videos. Useful when marketing needs more assets but you lack design or audio skills.

- Classification and routing: Sorting emails, tickets, or messages by topic; assigning tasks based on keywords or customer type; flagging urgent items. Useful when your team plays air traffic control and needs faster triage.
- Basic forecasting and predictions: Estimating next month's sales, demand for key items, or cash flow trends based on past data. Useful when you're making purchasing, staffing, or pricing decisions and want more than gut feel.
- Conversation and assistance: Answering FAQs, capturing lead information, guiding customers through simple processes, escalating when needed. Useful when your team is stretched and customers need answers outside business hours.

How does this map to a typical small business day? Start with inbound communication: emails, texts, voicemails, website chats. These are language-heavy and repetitive. AI can summarize the core request, classify it by intent, and suggest a draft reply. That alone can shave minutes off every interaction, which adds up to hours per week. Then look at paperwork: invoices, receipts, orders, and forms. AI can extract the key fields and populate your accounting or inventory system, reducing manual entry and errors. Next, consider scheduling and reminders: appointments, dispatch, follow-ups. AI can coordinate calendars and send timely messages, cutting no-shows and improving response rates.

Now consider marketing and sales, which often stall because content creation is time-consuming. With a good prompt and a style guide, you can produce consistent ad copy, email sequences, social captions, and short landing page blurbs in minutes instead of hours. If you add simple A/B testing—two headlines, two offers, two images—you can learn what resonates without spending a fortune. For sales, you can generate first drafts of proposals, price sheets, and contracts, then review and finalize with a human touch. These tasks aren't glamorous, but they directly affect revenue and customer acquisition.

It's worth pausing to understand where AI falls short. It does not replace your expert judgment in complex or sensitive situations. It can be confidently wrong. It struggles with highly nuanced tone when the stakes are high—apologies, negotiations, or cases where empathy is crucial. It needs good instructions; vague prompts produce vague results. It can reflect biases present in training data or historical patterns if you're not careful. And it requires context: the more specific and well-structured your inputs, the better the outputs. In short, AI is a powerful intern who needs a clear brief and careful supervision.

What does this mean for your first week? Pick a single, low-friction task that touches language, data, or scheduling. Aim for a small win that you can measure. For example, draft email replies to a common customer question; extract line items from ten invoices; send appointment reminders for one day of bookings. Set a rule: any result that looks off must be reviewed by a human. After you run the task a dozen times,

tally time saved and errors caught. This gives you a baseline and confidence to scale.

To help you think like an AI-powered small business owner, here are short stories that show how these tools fit into daily reality without turning your operation upside down.

Marta runs a boutique bakery. She spends an hour most mornings answering questions about custom cake orders: flavors, sizes, lead times, pricing. She sets up a simple chatbot that asks three questions, then drafts a quote based on her price list. If the customer wants something unusual, the bot flags the message for Marta to review personally. The result: she spends twenty minutes instead of sixty on inquiries, and she never misses a lead that comes in after closing. The bot doesn't design cakes; it handles the repetitive back-and-forth so Marta can focus on baking and decorating.

Diego operates a small HVAC service. His crew gets dozens of calls a day, many asking the same questions about service plans and emergency availability. Diego builds a text triage workflow that sorts keywords like "no heat," "weird smell," and "maintenance plan." The system sends the right template and routes priority calls to an on-call tech. It also writes a short summary for the office staff to review. This simple classification reduces missed calls and helps dispatchers prioritize emergencies instead of reading every message twice.

Aisha manages a boutique fitness studio. Her challenge is class cancellations. She sets up an automated reminder that goes out two hours before class with a link to reschedule. If a member cancels, the system adds them to a waitlist message and offers a spot in the next class. No-shows drop by a third, and the studio can fill slots that would have sat empty. Aisha still sends personal notes to long-time members when life gets messy, but the routine work is off her plate.

Each of these examples follows a pattern: pick a repetitive task, set a clear rule, let AI handle the first pass, keep a human in the loop for exceptions, and measure results. The magic isn't the tool; it's the workflow that wraps around it. When you design the workflow, you get predictable outcomes you can scale across the business.

Now that you see what's in the toolbox, you can spot opportunities with fresh eyes. Go through your day and mark the tasks that feel like air traffic control: sorting, summarizing, copying data from one place to another, answering the same questions, confirming appointments, reminding people of things they should already know. These are your targets. For each target, ask three questions: Is it mostly language or data? Is it repetitive and predictable? Is a mistake low-cost or already managed by a human? If you answer yes to two out of three, you've found a candidate worth testing.

It also helps to notice tasks that are not good fits. Work that requires deep trust, judgment, or legal accountability should stay fully human, at least for now. Emotional conversations, complex negotiations, and anything involving medical or legal advice

are better handled by you directly. AI can help you prepare—drafting a response outline, summarizing the situation—but the final word should be yours. This isn't just about risk; it's about brand. Your customers hire you for your expertise and humanity, and that should remain front and center.

Let's talk about the scale of opportunity. Small businesses often operate with thin margins and limited staff. Every hour reclaimed from admin is an hour that can go into revenue-generating activities: sales calls, product improvements, customer care, or even rest and recovery. The businesses that win with AI don't try to automate everything at once. They choose a small set of high-impact tasks, run them reliably, and then expand. They treat AI as an operating system layer that makes the rest of their tools smarter and faster.

You might be wondering how to measure success early. Keep it simple. Track hours saved, tasks completed, and error rates. For customer-facing work, measure response time and resolution rates. For sales and marketing, track leads followed up, proposals sent, and conversion rates. For operations, measure no-shows, inventory accuracy, and invoice processing time. These are plain numbers that you can collect from your inbox, your calendar, and your accounting system. If the numbers move in the right direction, keep going. If not, adjust your prompts or your workflow and try again.

A final observation before we move on: AI is becoming a standard layer in the tools you already use. Many email platforms suggest replies. Accounting apps extract line items. Scheduling tools offer smart availability. This is good news: you may not need to add new tools at all; you may just need to turn on features and configure them properly. That said, the biggest gains often come from connecting separate tools with an automation platform so they work together seamlessly. The key is to start small, learn what works for your context, and then expand the network of connected tasks.

As you prepare to move from "what" to "how," keep three principles in mind. First, choose tasks that are already repetitive and predictable; don't try to automate ambiguous work on day one. Second, build guardrails: define when a human must review, keep logs, and review outputs regularly. Third, measure and iterate: treat your first automations as experiments, not permanent fixtures. With these principles, you'll avoid the common traps and build a durable foundation.

The toolbox is in front of you. Writing and summarization, document and data extraction, image and audio creation, classification and routing, basic forecasting, and conversation assistance are now within reach of any small business. You don't need to master them all at once. Pick one tool, one workflow, and one outcome. Get the win. Then expand from there.

Key Takeaways

- AI is a set of assistants that handle repetitive language and data tasks, not a single brain that replaces your judgment.
- The highest-value early wins come from triage, drafting, extraction, scheduling, and simple forecasting.
- Keep humans in the loop for sensitive or high-stakes work, and design clear escalation rules.
- Myths about needing developers, big data, or permanent “set-and-forget” systems delay progress; the reality is accessible and practical.
- Success comes from measurable workflows, not magic; track hours saved, response times, and error rates.

Action Steps for the Week

- Map your day: mark tasks that are repetitive and language-heavy, or that require copying data between apps.
- Pick one task as a pilot: triaging emails, drafting replies, extracting line items from invoices, or sending appointment reminders.
- Write a simple rule for the pilot: what input triggers it, what the AI should do, and when a human must review.
- Run the pilot manually with a small sample; record time spent and any errors before and after.
- Decide to keep, adjust, or pause the pilot based on the numbers and your comfort level.

Templates & Prompts to Use Now

- Email triage prompt:
 - Task: Summarize the following customer email and classify it as one of these categories: billing, scheduling, product question, complaint, other.
 - Input:
 - Output:
 - Summary:
 - Category:
 - Urgency: Low, Medium, or High
 - Suggested next action:
 - Rule: If category is “complaint” or urgency is High, flag for human review.
- Invoice extraction prompt:
 - Task: Extract the vendor name, invoice date, total amount, and line items from this invoice image or text.
 - Input:
 - Output format: Vendor | Date | Total | Line items (description, quantity, unit price)
 - Rule: If total or date is missing, note “needs review.”

- Appointment reminder template:
 - Message: Hi [First Name], this is a reminder about your appointment on [Date] at [Time] with [Business Name]. If you need to reschedule, reply with “RESCHEDULE” and we’ll send options. Reply “CANCEL” to cancel.
 - Rule: If no reply within [X hours], send a second reminder. If “RESCHEDULE,” send link. If “CANCEL,” update calendar and send confirmation.

- Social post generator prompt:
 - Task: Write three short social media posts about [topic/product] in a friendly, local tone. Include a call to action.
 - Style notes: Use short sentences. Emphasize value and community. Avoid jargon.
 - Output: Three distinct options, each under 30 words.

- Common questions to FAQ prompt:
 - Task: Turn the following customer questions into clear, concise answers for an FAQ.
 - Input:
 - Output: Q: A: with one optional tip.

These templates are your starting point. Copy them, adapt them to your business, and keep them handy as you build your first automations in the next chapters.

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