openrouter in 10 minutes.

One account. Every AI model. No lock-in.

SET UP IN 4 STEPS

1 **Create an account**
openrouter.ai: Google, GitHub or email.

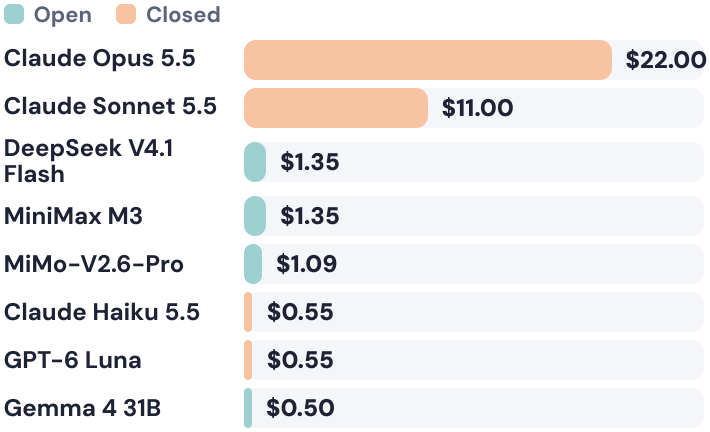
2 **Add $10 credits**
Card, AliPay or USDC. Free cap rises to 1,000 a day.

3 **Compare in chat**
Chat: one prompt, Sonnet 5.5 vs MiMo-V2.6-Pro.

4 **Copy your API key**
Paste it into any tool that takes your own model.

1,000 typical tasks

500 tokens in, 1,000 out, before the 5.5% fee. Checked Oct 22, 2026.



~10x cheaper: MiMo-V2.6-Pro vs Sonnet

20x cheaper: Haiku or Luna vs Sonnet

YOUR 3 STARTER PRESETS

`quick-draft`
Cheap open model, creative settings. Brainstorms and first passes.

`research`
Frontier model, precise settings. Analysis you'll act on.

`free`
A :free model like Gemma 4 31B. Test prompts at zero cost.

`@preset/your-name` → Sonnet 5.5 · MiMo · Gemma 4

Swap the model once. Every app follows.

YOUR FIRST 30 MINUTES

1. Create an account, add $10
2. Compare Sonnet 5.5 with an open model
3. Build three presets
4. Connect one tool with your key and a preset

DO THIS WEEK

5. **Move one weekly task off your top model**

Step 5 is the first brick in your exit door.

WATCH-OUTS

- Free can fall through to paid
- Chat history stays on your device
- Failed answers are free, extras aren't
- Check the data policy first

Read the full guide →

Open-model quality, what changed since February and the exit door are in the guide.

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