

Giving Positive Feedback

This page provides a variety of compliments for use in exercises on giving and receiving positive feedback. The goal of the receiver is to accept the compliment without defending against it (“*oh no, it’s nothing...*”). The goal of the giver is to provide the compliment in a direct, assertive (but not aggressive) manner.

- “This is a great invention.”
- “Your website was really easy to read.”
- “Thank you for finishing the report so quickly.”
- “I like the way you set up the furniture.”
- “It was considerate of you to mow the lawn for me.”
- “Thanks for making dinner tonight. It was great.”
- “You are a terrific listener.”
- “You handled that meeting really well.”
- “You’re an excellent pilot.”
- “This coffee is perfect.”
- “Thank you for the ride.”
- “You dealt with that situation with Jane really well.”
- “You’ve been keeping this place really tidy lately.”
- “I like your use of colour in this painting.”
- “This never would have got done without you.”
- “Your hair looks great.”

Here are some situations in which you could give positive feedback. You have to come up with your own words for these ones.

- You’re telling the playwright how much you liked the play.
- Express your appreciation to the coworker who told you about the upcoming strike.
- You like your friend’s new home.
- Your skiing student has just mastered the ability to turn properly.
- The police officer just solved your case.
- Tell your instructor how his/her teaching has inspired you.
- You think the artist is extremely talented.
- A neighbour has helped you to prune your tree.
- You think your fellow student’s studying strategy is brilliant.
- Your physician was very considerate during your illness.
- You think the person who gave you a gift is very considerate.
- Express your appreciation to the person who threw a party for you.
- You liked your student’s essay.
- The driver just handled a difficult situation very well.
- Your helper at work has been extremely valuable.
- The meal you were just served was delicious.
- You like what your friend is wearing.