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.