

50 Ways to Praise Students

Praise is one of the most influential tools a teacher or tutor can use. It encourages students to develop good study habits, utilize productive thinking and reasoning skills, and learn course content. Review the list below then read the next pages and consider the strategies that can help make praise an appropriate and effective tool.

1. Good
2. You've got it right
3. That's right
4. Super
5. That's good
6. You're really working hard today
7. You are very good at that
8. That's coming along nicely
9. Good work
10. That's much better
11. Exactly right
12. You just about have it
13. That's it
14. You are doing a good job
15. That's quite an improvement
16. Great
17. I knew you could do it
18. Congratulations!
19. Not bad
20. Now you have it
21. Good for you
22. I couldn't have done it better
23. That's the way to do it
24. You're on the right track now
25. Nice going
26. Keep up the good work
27. Sensational!
28. You've got your brain in gear
29. That was first-class work
30. Excellent!
31. Perfect!
32. That's better than ever
33. Much better
34. Wonderful!
35. You must have been practicing
36. You did that very well
37. Nice going
38. Outstanding
39. Fantastic
40. That's the way to handle it
41. That's great
42. Right on!
43. Superb!
44. You did a lot of work today
45. That's it
46. Thank You
47. Good thinking
48. You outdid yourself today
49. Good attempt
50. You figured that out fast

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Praise Activity

List three times when praise would be an appropriate and effective tool to motivate your tutee. Match the situation with a phrase or word from the list of 50 Ways to Praise Students handout.

When would you use praise to help a student?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What would you say to praise the student in each situation above?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____