

Examples of Verbal Praise

- “You have improved in . . .”
- “I like it when you . . .”
- “Great job checking in after school.”
- “You’ve done a wonderful job of . . .”
- “What a terrific idea to . . .”
- “Good for you for . . .”
- “You are doing so well at . . .”
- “That was a good decision to . . .”
- “You showed a lot of maturity when you . . .”
- “Look how well you did . . .”
- “What a wonderful job you’ve done with . . .”
- “That’s a really interesting way to . . .”
- “It pleases me when you . . .”
- “That’s a perfect way to . . .”
- “I’m so happy you . . .”
- “Thank you for . . .”
- “That’s terrific—you got all your homework done.”
- “Thanks for being so responsible and getting home on time.”
- “What a nice job of . . .”
- “I really appreciate you doing your chores without a reminder.”
- “That _____ was so helpful.”
- “That’s great! It looks beautiful.”
- “I’m very proud of you for . . .”
- “How thoughtful of you to . . .”

Examples of Nonverbal praise

- A pat on the arm or shoulder
- A hug
- Gentle hair ruffle
- Affectionate arm squeeze
- A kiss
- High-five
- Thumbs-up