



## Compliments \*

Children thrive when grown-ups point out their good qualities and the things they are doing well. Compliments are some of the best gifts you can give your child. This activity teaches kids words they might not know.

### Here are several ways to do it:

Below are 45 words for positive traits. See if you can add 15 more to the list.

active	determined	kind
adventurous	energetic	lively
artistic	enthusiastic	loving
aware	expressive	observant
beautiful	forgiving	open
bold	friendly	patient
brave	generous	powerful
bright	gentle	ready-to-learn
capable	handsome	respectful
caring	happy	responsible
changing	hard-working	sensitive
confident	honest	strong
cooperative	imaginative	thoughtful
creative	inventive	unique
dependable	joyful	wise

- 1) Write each family member's name on a separate piece of paper. Either alone or with others, write as many positive words as you can think of to describe each person. Give the paper to them.
- 2) When you find a family member doing a positive behavior, *tell them!* Tell them the specific instance when you saw that behavior. For example, say, "You sure were being gentle when you held that kitten." Or, "I liked how energetically and quickly you picked up the papers from the floor."
- 3) Take a picture of each family member. Glue it on a piece of paper and write 20 positive words that describe that person around the picture. Put those pictures in the **Our Treasures** section of your **WAY TO GO!** FAMILY LEARNING JOURNAL™.



"When I tell my grandchild a word that describes her in a positive way, she learns that new word. Then I see her demonstrating that behavior more often. I know compliments work for me. When I was young, I was embarrassed because I was very tall. Someone told me I had really good posture. From then on, I stood up straight."

— *Grandma Anna*

\*Compliments supports the English-Language Arts Content Standards related to vocabulary and concept development.  
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