

Speaking Positively

100 Ways to Say “Very Good”

1. Super!
2. WOW!
3. SENSATIONAL
4. THAT’S RIGHT!
5. That’s GOOD!
6. That’s better
7. PERFECT!
8. That’s it!
9. GOOD WORK!
10. CLEVER!
11. THAT’S IT!
12. Congratulations!
13. EXCELLENT!
14. Keep it up!
15. MARVELOUS!
16. Nice going!
17. TERRIFIC!
18. Now you have it.
19. SUPERB!
20. Much better!
21. Wonderful
22. GREAT!
23. That’s the best.
24. I like that.
25. Fine!
26. Good for you!
27. Nice going!
28. FANTASTIC!
29. Good going!
30. Way to go!
31. That’s great!
32. You’re right!
33. TREMENDOUS!
34. OUTSTANDING!
35. You have it made.
36. Good thinking!
37. I’m very proud of you.
38. That’s the way!
39. You remembered.
40. That’s really nice.
41. I knew you could do it.
42. What a good job!
43. You’ve just about got it.
44. Well, look at you go!
45. Good for you!
46. You did very well.
47. You did it that time!
48. You make me proud.
49. That’s the way to do it.
50. Keep up the good work.
51. You are learning fast.
52. That’s first class work.
53. You make it look easy.
54. You’re doing a good job.
55. You’re doing beautifully.
56. You’re really improving.
57. Good remembering!
58. You did a lot of work today!
59. You’ve got that down pat.
60. You’re doing fine.
61. Keep on trying!
62. That’s a good (boy/girl).
63. I think you have it now.
64. Good job (name).
65. Now that’s what I call a fine job!
66. You’re really working hard today.
67. You’ve just about mastered that!
68. You’re really going to town!
69. I’m proud of the way you worked.
70. That’s quite an improvement.
71. You must have been practicing!
72. You outdid yourself today!
73. You really make my job fun.
74. You figured that out fast.
75. Nothing can stop you now!
76. It’s a pleasure to teach when you work like that.
77. You’re on the right track now!
78. That makes me feel good.
79. Now you’ve figured it out.
80. You are very good at that.
81. That’s very much better!
82. You certainly did well today.
83. Now you have the hang of it!
84. Congratulations. You solved the problem.
85. One more time and you’ll have it.
86. You are really learning a lot.

87. You're getting better every day.
 88. You really were concentrating well.
 89. That's the right way to do it.
 90. I'm happy to see you working like that.

91. I've never seen anyone do it better.
 92. You should be proud of that work.
 93. Couldn't have done it better myself.
 94. You are doing that much better today.

95. That's the best you have ever done.
 96. Now you've figured it out.
 97. Keep working on it, you're getting better.
 98. Wonderful
 99. Awesome
 100. Super

Let your child know you understand and appreciated the effort that went into a project. Be sincere and generous with your praise and be as specific as possible.

Positively Speaking

Sometimes it is frustrating to be a parent when you are so busy with so much to do and so little time to do it and that little person is not cooperating.

Your child is an important person and needs you to help her/him to learn and feel confident. Sometimes it is hard to be a child when everything is geared for "big people" and he/she is just a "little person."

Being a parent and being a child are both hard jobs. There are ways that you can talk with your child, work with your child and help your child feel important and confident. There are times when every parent must and should say no, but there are many times when you can say something in a positive way instead of a negative way.

If your child is playing with a dangerous stick, you want to remove the stick from the child and there are several ways to do this. You can grab the stick and the child, not knowing why you ruined his/her fun, may get upset and cry. Find a less dangerous but attractive object to attract the child's attention and say "Look at THIS pretty toy" and then gently substitute the toy for the stick saying, "I'll trade you this for that". You can reach the same result both ways, but one way you have an upset child and the second way you have a happy child.

We hope these ideas will help you to do your job as a parent more effectively and pleasantly.

TRY THIS!

INSTEAD OF THIS:

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| How fast can you put your shoes on? | Put your shoes on now! |
| Now you can rest and you'll feel good when you wake up | Go to bed! |
| I'll trade you this toy for that thing. | Give me that! |
| You pick up a block and I'll pick up a block. | Pick up those blocks! |

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| How many beans can you eat? | Eat your food! |
| Be gentle, pet the dog like this. | Don't hit the dog! |
| Let's go work on your homework. | Do your homework! |
| Remember running is for outside. | Don't run in the house! |
| In one minute you can have a turn, now it's her turn. | Stop grabbing! |
| It sure will help me out if you finish that job today. | Go finish that job! |
| Let's see if we can figure out a better way to do that. | That's not the way to do that! |

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