



Ways to Praise!

Listed below are suggestions for ways to praise positive opposite behaviors. If your child has difficulty in the areas highlighted below, watch for opportunities to praise your child when he or she is behaving well.

Dawdling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank you for doing it right away• I'm proud of you for putting your toys away so quickly• Good job paying attention• I like how you were able to make a quick decision
Table Manners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellent job sitting in your seat• That's really nice how you're chewing with your mouth closed• You're doing great using your indoor voice• That's awesome how you're asking so politely
Obedying	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Great work following directions• You're the best at cleaning up• Nice job taking turns• You're a terrific listener
Opposition/ Anger	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I'm proud of you for using your words• That's good the way you calmed yourself down• You're doing so well at being patient• That's a good quiet voice you're using
Verbal Expression	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nice going using your indoor voice• I love how quietly you're talking• Great job using your big-boy/girl voice• Thank you for using your kind words to tell me what you want
Destructive/ Careless	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I like the way you're being so gentle• You're doing a nice job being careful• Excellent way to make safe choices• Good for you for being so calm
Provokes/ Fights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• That's great the way you're taking turns• Good choice to keep your hands to yourself• I love the way you're using your words• I'm so proud of you for cooperating
Interrupts/ Attention Seeking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank you for waiting patiently• I like that you're taking turns• Great job letting others talk• You're a superstar for using polite words
Attention Problems/ Over Active	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellent job concentrating• You're doing so well taking your time• Nice way to stay so calm• Thank you for following directions

