

CONFERENCECOMPLIMENTS

COMPLIMENT IDEAS:

All of your sentences are about ____. Staying on topic is important for the reader to understand your message.

You included so many details/much information. This shows the reader you researched/know a lot about this topic.

Your topic sentence/thesis statement is clear. This tells the reader what to expect in the rest of the piece.

The prompt required ____, and you addressed that when you wrote ____.

COMPLIMENT ORGANIZATION:

Your introduction makes the reader want to keep reading.

You have grouped similar information together. That organization helps the reader follow your thinking.

You juggled a lot of information very well.

Your conclusion reminds the reader of what is important.

You connected (this idea) to (this idea) with (transition). That shows the reader how ideas are related.

COMPLIMENT VOICE:

The reader knows that you feel when you wrote
This sentence/part right here is especially interesting because
You're looking at this common topic in a unique/creative way. That will engage the reader.
Knowing this is a (genre), the voice/tone is

appropriate for your purpose and audience.

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COMPLIMENT WORD CHOICE:

Action verbs like ____ and ____ add power to writing.

This description (point to a passage) helps the reader visualize this part.

(This word) is a purple word/phrase! You have chosen the right word for this sentence.

The vocabulary words ___ and ___ make you sound like an expert on this topic.

Using these synonyms (list them) helps this part sound fresh, rather than repetitive.

COMPLIMENT SENTENCE FLUENCY:

The reader will have no trouble reading this straight through the first time.

This part (point it out) sounds so good. It's not just what you said but how you structured the sentence(s).

When you used (figurative language, parallel structure, repetition, etc.), you made this part sound almost musical.

These sentences (point to them) all start in different ways. This makes it more interesting for the reader.

You included some long and some short sentences. This changes the speed of the writing, making it sound better.

COMPLIMENT CONVENTIONS:

Your (capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar, etc.) make it easy to read this part/piece.

You went for a bigger, better word here and used your spelling strategies to make it readable. What a risk-taker!

This paragraph indent comes at just the right place, telling the reader that you are switching ideas.

Using a comma (or another punctuation mark) here alerts the reader that .

Your audience will appreciate your careful editing. (Point to self-edits.)

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