

Primary & ELL

CONFERENCE **COMPLIMENTS**

COMPLIMENTING IDEAS:

I understood your message clearly.

Very specific details. My favorite is _____.

You wrote so many sentences. Great job!

Is it true that _____? I didn't know that! I learned something from your writing.

COMPLIMENTING ORGANIZATION:

I see a beginning, middle, and end! You have all three parts of the train! Excellent!

I like your hook/beginning.

You started with one topic and you stayed with it through the whole piece. Very organized!

You used the word "then" to connect your ideas!

This ending was a real surprise. Interesting!

COMPLIMENTING VOICE:

I could really tell how you felt.

I can tell you care about this topic. Great voice!

There is so much feeling in this piece. That's a sign of voice!

The feeling words you used were perfect for your writing.

I see a lot of voice in the facial expressions you drew in your picture today.

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COMPLIMENTING WORD CHOICE:

My favorite purple word/phrase is _____.

WOW! So many big words stretched out!

I love it when you try new words in your writing.

COMPLIMENTING SENTENCE FLUENCY:

I notice that you are writing several sentences and not just one— terrific!

Did you notice that you began this sentence in a different way? I love variety.

I noticed you have some long sentences and some short sentences. This passes the Slinky Test!

You have some telling sentences, exciting sentences, and question sentences all in the same writing!

COMPLIMENTING CONVENTIONS:

You are using great stretch-out spelling!

I'm seeing capitals and punctuation in every sentence. Awesome!

You have spaces between all your words now! That really helps your reader.

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Complimenting Ideas:

Very specific details. My favorite is _____.

That's such a creative way of looking at this topic.

You sound like an expert on this topic.

You wrote about such a narrow topic. Love it!

Your topic sentence/thesis statement is strong.

Complimenting Organization:

You have grouped similar information together!

You juggled a lot of information very well.

Your introduction makes me want to keep reading.

Your conclusion reminds me of the important.

Transitions connect your ideas smoothly.

You wrote a clear beginning, middle, and end.

Complimenting Voice:

You kept me engaged & interested the whole time.

I can hear your voice here. (Point to a passage.)

I can tell you feel strongly about this.

You wrote like you mean it. I like that.

Love this moment right here! (Point to a passage.)

Your perspective is powerful without putting down the opposition. Well done!

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Complimenting Word Choice:

Many great action verbs. My favorites are _____.

I can picture this! It's so descriptive right here. (Point to a passage.)

My favorite purple word/phrase is _____.

The vocabulary you chose makes you sound like an expert on this topic.

Complimenting Sentence Fluency:

I had no trouble reading this the first time.

Your sentences begin in different ways. Good!

This piece passes the Slinky Test!

I love the sound of this when I read it aloud.

This part (point out a passage) sounds so good. It's not just *what* you said but *how* you structured the sentence. So sophisticated!

Complimenting Conventions:

I had to look hard for any mistakes.

Paragraph indents come at just the right places.

Your audience will appreciate your careful editing.

How did you know to use a comma (or another punctuation mark) here?

This is so close to the correct spelling. Would you like to see how close you came?

You punctuated this part intentionally, telling the audience just how to read it. Nice touch!
