



# 98 Ways To Say “Very Good”



## Children Learn What They Live

*If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.*

*If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.*

*If children live with ridicule, they learn to be shy.*

*If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.*

*If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.*

*If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient.*

*If children live with praise, they learn to appreciate.*

*If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.*

*If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.*

*If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.*

*If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and others.*

*If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.*

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| 1. You've got it made.                     | 26. You've just about mastered that!     | 53. When I'm with you I feel like singing!                | 75. That's the best ever.              |
| 2. You're on the right track now!          | 27. OUTSTANDING!                         | 54. GOOD WORK!  | 76. FINE!                              |
| 3. You are very good at that.              | 28. You did that very well.              | 55. I'm proud of the way you worked today.                | 77. Wonderful!                         |
| 4. That's very much better!                | 29. FANTASTIC!                           | 56. You're really working hard today.                     | 78. That's better than ever.           |
| 5. I'm happy to see you working like that. | 30. You're really improving.             | 57. You've just about got it.                             | 79. I appreciate your hard work.       |
| 6. You're doing a good job.                | 31. SUPERB!                              | 58. THAT'S IT!  | 80. Now that's what I call a fine job! |
| 7. That's the best you've ever done.       | 32. Keep it up!                          | 59. Congratulations!                                      | 81. You must have been practising!     |
| 8. I knew you could do it.                 | 33. You've got that down pat!            | 60. That's quite an improvement.                          | 82. You're doing beautifully.          |
| 9. Now you've figured it out.              | 34. TREMENDOUS!                          | 61. You are doing that much better today.                 | 83. Right on!                          |
| 10. Now you have it!                       | 35. Good thinking!                       | 62. I sure am happy you're my daughter/son/student, etc.  | 84. Good remembering!                  |
| 11. GREAT!                                 | 36. Keep on trying!                      | 63. You're learning fast.                                 | 85. You did a lot of work today!       |
| 12. Keep working you're getting better.    | 37. I've never seen anyone do it better. | 64. Good for you!   | 86. You certainly did well today.      |
| 13. You make it look easy.                 | 38. I like that.                         | 65. Couldn't have done it better myself.                  | 87. You're doing fine.                 |
| 14. That's the right way to do it.         | 39. I'm very proud of you.               | 66. You really make being a parent/teacher/caregiver fun. | 88. You are really learning a lot.     |
| 15. You're getting better every day.       | 40. I think you've got it now.           | 67. One more time and you'll have it.                     | 89. You outdid yourself today!         |
| 16. You're really growing up!              | 41. You figured that out fast.           | 68. You did it that time!                                 | 90. SPLENDID!                          |
| 17. Nice going.                            | 42. That's really nice.                  | 69. That's the way!                                       | 91. Good going!                        |
| 18. SENSATIONAL!                           | 43. You're right.                        | 70. SUPER DUPER!  | 92. MARVELLOUS!                        |
| 19. That's the way to do it.               | 44. CLEVER!                              | 71. You haven't missed a thing.                           | 93. You're doing the best you can!     |
| 20. That's better.                         | 45. That's great!                        | 72. Keep up the good work.                                | 94. Good job.                          |
| 21. Best yet.                              | 46. Way to go.                           | 73. Nothing can stop you now!                             | 95. You remembered.                    |
| 22. PERFECT!                               | 47. Now you have the hang of it!         | 74. EXCELLENT!  | 96. That gives me a happy feeling.     |
| 23. You're really going to town!           | 48. You've done a great job.             |   | 97. Well, look at you go!              |
| 24. TERRIFIC!                              | 49. Congratulations, you got it right.   |   | 98. DYNAMITE!                          |
| 25. Much better!                           | 50. You're beautiful.                    |   |  |
|  | 51. That's RIGHT!                        |   |  |
|  | 52. That's GOOD!                         |   |  |

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