

C. Giving Compliment

When we give compliment, we can add one sentence after the compliment. Look at the structure below!

Your hair is nice. It suits on your face.

Complimenting

Extension

Praising is expressing strong approval or admiration, especially in public. Giving compliment is telling something nice to or about someone.

People like giving compliment to show their attention or to make someone attracted to them, or to feel pleased, too. In other words, compliment functions to improve relationship between people. Everyone likes to hear compliment.

Compliment make people feel good about themselves and we all need that at times. In other words, giving compliment is a way of showing that you have noticed and appreciated something about someone or situation. A compliment is expression of praise or admiration.

To compliment means to tell someone that you like the way they look or that you are pleased with something they have done. A compliment is a remark expressing admiration, approval, or respect. Most compliments are used to express attention. If you often compliment your friends, it means that you are a good and attentive person. So, give someone a compliment today!

The following are some examples of giving compliment.

Compliment for Appearance/ Things Worn	Compliment for Performance	Compliment for Achievement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I really like your hair. • That's a lovely dress. • You look so beautiful. • I think you look good in white. • I love your jacket. • What a beautiful hat! • It looks good on you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think you are very great. • That was a nice performance. • You are really a good singer. • You are wonderful on the stage. • You are doing great. You did great. • It's very interesting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great job. • You are a great teacher. • You are clever. • How genius you are! • You are really did well.

In Indonesian culture, being modest is the best way of responding a compliment. The following are examples of responding a compliment.

1. Thank you. It's very kind of you to say that.
2. Thank you. Yours is nicer.
3. Thank you, but it isn't anything special.
4. Yours is nice, too.
5. Do you think so?

Structures of Giving Compliment

- a.

You are so You are really You are very	}	Adjective.
You are such (Noun)		

E.g. You are so smart.
You are really beautiful.
You are very clever.
E.g. You are such a good boy.
- b.

(How you feel about the thing)	+	(What the thing is)	+	(A reason why it's interesting/great)
Sentence 1		Noun		Sentence 2

Example:

(I really like) + (your haircut) + (The style makes you fresh)
 I really like your haircut. The style makes you fresh.

- c. I

What + Noun Phrase! [a + Adj + N]

 II

How + Adjective + S + be!

- E.g. What a lovely hat! E.g. How beautiful she is!

In conclusion, the social function of giving compliment is to give encouragement, so that people will keep on doing their best and even improve their performance.



Activity 1: Reading Comprehension

Read the following conversation! Then answer the questions!

- Lisa : That's a nice sweater, Katie. It suits on you.
 Katie : Thanks.
 Mona : I like your sweater. It's beautiful. Where did you get it?
 Katie : Thanks. I got it at the Dana Boutique.
 Mona : Dana Boutique?
 Katie : Yes. Sylvia recommended the store for me.
 Lisa : I want to go there, too.
 Mona : Speaking of Sylvia, I wonder how she's doing. We haven't heard much from her these days.
 Katie : She came to my fashion show two days ago.
 Mona : Fashion show?
 Lisa : Why didn't you tell us?
 Katie : I'm sorry. Here is the photo. Sylvia and I took a picture after the event.
 Lisa : Wow, you looked very pretty.
 Katie : Do you think so?
 Lisa : Yes. You are great, Katie. I hope I can see you on the next show.
 Katie : Thank you.

Questions:

1. Who wears sweater?
✎ _____
2. Why do Lisa and Mona give compliment to Katie's sweater?
✎ _____
3. What does Katie show to Lisa and Mona?
✎ _____
4. Do they compliment Katie's appearance?
✎ _____
5. After you read the conversation, what is the social function of giving compliment?
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