

# Tip Sheet

## Giving Students Growth-Oriented Praise

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Sometimes the praise or feedback we give students can be growth-oriented. Here are some examples of feedback you can use instead:

Instead of saying...	Say...
Wow, you got 10 out of 10 right! You	Wow, you got 10 out of 10 right! What score?
You'll do better next time.	What can you learn from this mistake that will help you do better next time?
or, this test should be pretty easy...	we discussed in class, and use the strategies you've learned, you should be successful on this test.
That was a great report on the Panama Canal.	I can see that you really understand what you're actually riding along with you.
Wow! You rocked this project! You are a rock star!	this project and look at how your hard work paid off!
You're going to have to work harder next time.	The strategies you used last time didn't work. Let's take a look at them so I can help you figure out better strategies to use next time.
You finished that so quickly! You really know what you are doing.	You finished that so quickly. Obviously that was a good idea.
Come on, you're smart enough to get this.	Smart is not something you are; it's something you become. Let's figure out how you can become smart at this assignment.