



98 Ways To Say “Very Good”¹

If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.

If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world.²

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

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