

Confusing Words

Lesson 24 | Compliment or Complement

Compliment EXAMPLES

Example Sentences:

I complimented the chef on such a tasty dessert.

When I said your eyes looked misty, I meant it as a compliment.

Thanks for the compliment.

She said I'm overdoing it, but I'll take that as a compliment.



Tips for using **Compliment**

"Compliment" is used as an expression of praise (noun); to say something nice about someone (verb)

Compliment Lucy on her efforts.

Try to give compliments to her so that she would do even better next time.

The teacher complimented her for having good grades.

She tried to compliment me, but it struck me as a bit insincere.

Example Dialogue:

Tom : The teacher gave me a compliment for winning the game.

Paul : Good for you. Congratulations, by the way.

Tom : Thanks, Paul. I just think that it would be good for teachers to give compliments to students for any improvement they make.

Paul : I hear you, brother.

DEFINITION:

COMPLIMENT: an expression of praise (noun); to praise someone (verb)

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Complement EXAMPLES**Example Sentences:**

Red and green colors complement each other.

The background complements the show nicely.

The pattern of her bag and dress complement each other a lot.

That eyeliner complements her visage perfectly.

**Tips** for using **Complement**

“Complement” is used to indicate something that enhances something else or goes well with it (noun); to go well with something (verb)

Her hair color is a great complement to her eyebrows.

His tie perfectly complements his suit.

White is the most perfect complement to black.

Cheese complements any pasta.

Example Dialogue:

Wally: What is a great complement to a mushroom soup?

Vick : A piece of toasted bread is a good idea.

Wally : Ok, I'll try to toast some. By the way, I've just noticed your bag. It complements your outfit perfectly.

Vick : Thanks, Wally!

DEFINITION:

COMPLEMENT: something that enhances something else (noun); to go well with something (verb).

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PRACTICE

Answer **compliment** or **complement** (in a correct form) to complete the sentences.

- 1 | Try to give your daughter _____ about her studies.
- 2 | My husband always _____ my looks; never my cooking, though.
- 3 | I was so happy because the president gave me _____ about the project I proposed.
- 4 | Contrasting colors are colors that _____ each other.
- 5 | I _____ Rocky for doing such an amazing job tonight organizing the entire event.
- 6 | I love dipping cookies in milk because they _____ each other nicely.
- 7 | Garlic bread is a perfect _____ to spaghetti.
- 8 | Rob was so jealous because he didn't receive any _____ from the manager.
- 9 | The song _____ her personality traits very much.
- 10 | The drums were a great _____ to the dancing style.



APPLICATION:

Create your own sentences using **compliment** or **complement**.

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EXERCISE

Answer **compliment** or **complement** (in a correct form) to complete the sentences.

(Two friends are having lunch.)

Weng : You're really good at cooking. The pasta you made _____ the bread I brought.

Jane : Thanks for the _____, Weng.

Weng : After we're done with the lunch, can you come with me to buy something to wear for the Christmas party? I have these nice red shoes, but I don't know what outfit would go best with them.

Jane : Certainly. I also need to do some Christmas shopping. I think a white dress would _____ those shoes. The one we saw at the boutique yesterday.

Weng Oh, yes, you're right. That was a nice dress.

Lindy : You will definitely receive a lot of _____ once you put it on.



APPLICATION:

Create your own dialogue using **compliment** or **complement** with your teacher.