

《怎样赞美别人》

A . Complimenting Ability

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If you'd like to learn something from the person about his / her ability, start with a compliment. The person will probably help you learn more and be happy to talk about how to do it.

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1. Formal

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If you don't mind my saying, you are a(n) excellent / outstanding / superb + (noun phrase)

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I must say you really know how to + (verb)

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You are a fine + (noun phrase)

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What a(n) excellent / outstanding / superb / + (noun phrase) you are!

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I admire your ability to + (verb)

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Mr. Smith, if you don't mind my saying, you are an excellent public speaker.

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I must say you really know how to paint.

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I admire your ability to think on your feet.

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2.Informal

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You're great at (verb + ing)

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You can really (verb)

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Wow, I wish I could (verb) as well as you!

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You're an amazing / awesome / incredible + (noun phrase)

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Wow! You're great at skiing!

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You can really cook. This is amazing food!



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You're an awesome student.

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B.Complimenting Looks

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Use these phrases to compliment someone on how they look.

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I've divided this into two categories: for women and for men. It's important to use the right language for the situation. If you pay someone a compliment on their looks in the wrong way, it's possible that your compliment will not be accepted.

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1.Formal

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Notice how we ask permission to pay compliments on good looks in formal English.

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This is to ensure that no one gets the wrong idea about your intention.

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May I be so bold as to compliment your + (dress / hair / outfit / etc.)?

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You are looking beautiful / handsome today.

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May I pay you a compliment? You really look beautiful / handsome / elegant /etc. today.

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I hope you don't mind, but you are looking beautiful / handsome today.

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Ms Anders, may I be so bold as to compliment you on your dress?

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I hope you don't mind, but I just had to say how wonderful you look today.

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May I pay you a compliment Mary? You really look fantastic today.

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2.Informal

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Wow, you're hot!

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You look great today!

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Excuse me, are you a model?

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1. Formal

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I couldn't help but notice your + (noun phrase)

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What a lovely + (noun) + you have!

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You have such a wonderful / lovely / beautiful home / house / apartment / living room / etc.

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I have to admit I'm jealous of your + (noun phrase)

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Tom, I couldn't help but notice your Mercedes. It's a beauty!

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I have to admit I'm jealous of your lovely garden.

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You have such a cozy home.

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2. Informal

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Nice + (noun phrase)

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I like your + (noun phrase)

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That's nice / pretty / beautiful / hot.

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Cudos on the + (noun phrase) dude.



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Nice car! Is it yours?

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Cudos on the computer dude. Where did you get it?

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Do you like my sweater? - That's nice!

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Example 1: Ability

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Gary: Hi Tim. Great round today.

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Tim: Thanks Gary.

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Gary: You can really hit the golf ball.

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Tim: You're much too kind.

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Gary: No really. I wish I could drive as well as you.

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Tim: Well, take a few lessons. It'll happen.

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Gary: I've thought about it. Do you really think it helps?

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Tim: I used to have a horrible drive. Try a lesson, it's worth the price.

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Example 2: Looks

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Ms Smith: Good morning Ms Anders. How are you today?

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Mr Anders: Fine, thank you. And you?

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Ms Smith: I'm very well. Thank you for asking.

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Mr Anders: Ms Smith, I hope you don't mind, but you are looking very well today.

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Ms Smith: Thank you Mr Smith. That's kind of you to say so.

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Mr Anders: Yes, well, have a good day Ms. Smith.

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Ms Smith: Will I see you at the meeting at 3?

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Mr Anders: Yes!, I'll be there.

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Example 3: Possessions

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Anna: Thanks for inviting us over for dinner this weekend.

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Margaret: My pleasure, come right in.

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Anna: What a lovely home you have! I love the furniture.



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Margaret: Thank you. We like to call it home. It's cozy.

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Anna: You have such exquisite taste in decor.

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Margaret: Now you are exaggerating!

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Anna: No, really. it's so beautiful.

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Margaret: Thank you. You're very kind.

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