

# Tip Sheet

## Giving Students Growth-Oriented Praise

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Sometimes the praise or feedback we give students can actually foster a fixed mindset rather than help them develop a growth-oriented mindset. Here are some examples of feedback you can use instead:

Instead of saying...	Say...
Wow, you got 10 out of 10 right! You must be really smart at this.	Wow, you got 10 out of 10 right! What strategy did you use to get a perfect score?
You'll do better next time.	What can you learn from this mistake that will help you do better next time?
Now class, this is an easy assignment... or, this test should be pretty easy...	Now class, if you have practiced this like 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 worked hard on this report and it shows. It felt like I was actually riding along with you.
Wow! You rocked this project! You are a rock star!	I am proud of how hard you worked on 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 too easy for you. Let's find you something harder to do so that you can learn something from the process.
You're so smart!	You're becoming such a good learner!
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.