

# How to Make Someone's Day in English

## Performance

"*You did a great job.*" English speakers often compliment one another on a job well done. It can apply to work, sports, school, hobbies – any activity somebody has done well. For example, your colleague gave an excellent presentation, and you could tell she put a lot of work into it. You could say, "*You did a great job on the presentation.*" Or, "*I liked the way you gave the presentation.*" Regardless of the situation, the easiest way to compliment a performance is just to state what the person did well: "*You played a great game today.*" "*You wrote a clear report.*" "*Your speech was excellent.*"

## Appearance

It's very common to compliment people on their hair and clothing. Start these compliments with **I like** or **I love**. For example, if someone gets a new haircut, you can say, "*I like your haircut.*" Or, "*I love your hair today,*" if they styled it differently. You can phrase compliments about clothes the same way: "*I like your skirt.*" A great way to continue the conversation is by asking, "*Where did you get it?*"

Be careful with compliments about appearance, though. If someone looks particularly good one day, you can make a general statement: "*You look great today!*" But be sure not to compliment someone's body. Don't say, "**I like your nose,**" unless you know them very, very well.

## Possessions

English speakers often compliment each other on things they own. For example, if a colleague comes to work with a new mobile phone you can say, "*What a cool phone!*" Or if you're invited to someone's home, it's appropriate to compliment certain aspects about it that you like. You can make a general statement: "*You have a beautiful home.*" Or try something specific: "*I love this couch.*"

## Qualities

Compliment someone on their qualities, and you'll make a new friend! For example, if you like how a work associate is always happy, then tell them. Say, "*You are always so happy. It makes my day better!*" This kind of compliment can be used for any quality that you appreciate in a person. Maybe you like how organized another colleague is. Tell them, "*I really appreciate how organized you are. I hope to be more organized, too.*"