

COMPLIMENTS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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A compliment is an important component of the speech behavior of native English speakers (British and Americans), which affects the character between the personal relationships of communicators, the degree of their mutual understanding, and therefore the success in communication in general. Consideration of the compliment as a speech act allows us to reflect the relationship of such categories as speech action, socio-psychological interaction and the method of implementing speech action.

The word «compliment» in English can name several different (and not only speech) actions and in a certain context serve as a synonym for words such as «congratulations», «recognition of merit». Only one of the meanings characterizes the Illocutionary act as such: a remark made with the aim of praising someone, or giving someone pleasure. In the Ukrainian language the word «compliment» has only one meaning - «praise caused by the desire to say courtesy or flatter someone»

Types and classes of compliments in American (USA) and British-speaking cultures (the total number of compliments in this culture is accepted for 100%)
Conventional sighs: REN- «reaction to the element of novelty»; Pr- «party»; LS- «Meeting after a long separation»; EG- «An expression of gratitude»; AG- «Accepting a gift»; Cn- «Congratulation»; Gr- «Greeting»; Ac- «Acquaintance»

	American culture	British culture
REN	3,7	4,2
P	0,7	1,9
LS	1,4	0
EG	4,4	5,7
AG	1,4	1,6
Cn	3,7	0,3
Ac	1	1,3

So, in English-speaking (British and American) cultures, the attitude to the compliment is significantly different. This difference is manifested mainly when it comes to statements, the main purpose of which is not so much to express approval, admiration to the addressee, but to give him pleasure. It is very difficult for native speakers of Ukraine to draw the line between compliment and flattery, and a sharply negative assessment of flattery extends to compliment. Native English speakers, on the contrary, appreciate the desire of a communication partner to make them pleasant, even through a groundlessly positive assessment, since they believe that in communication sincerity is not as important as showing (even symbolic) respect for the dignity of the

individual. Therefore, in English-speaking cultures, flattery is not considered as condemnable as in Ukraine.

A compliment is an expression of regard, admiration, praise, or respect. It feels great to receive a compliment. Research shows getting a sincere compliment gives us the same positive boost as receiving cash.

Compliments really are one of the easiest two-way streets available in terms of spreading happiness around you and increasing your own. The more you compliment, the better you feel. Here are a hundred ready-made compliments to try out for yourself. Such compliments can work for almost any situation, whether you compliment a friend or a colleague.

Complimenting Positivity

These compliments focus on the joy, fun, and positive outlook the person brings.

- Your smile is contagious.
- You have the best laugh.
- You have a great sense of humor.

Complimenting Personal Traits

These compliments acknowledge different qualities the person exhibits.

- You are beautiful on the inside and outside.
- You're inspiring.

Complimenting Intelligence, Creativity, and Resourcefulness

These compliments show that you appreciate the person's abilities.

- Your ability to recall random factoids at just the right times is impressive.
- When you say, "I meant to do that," I totally believe you.

Complimenting Accomplishments

It is often good to compliment a specific action or achievement.

- You're a great example to others.
- Actions speak louder than words, and yours tell an incredible story.

Complimenting Personal Relationships

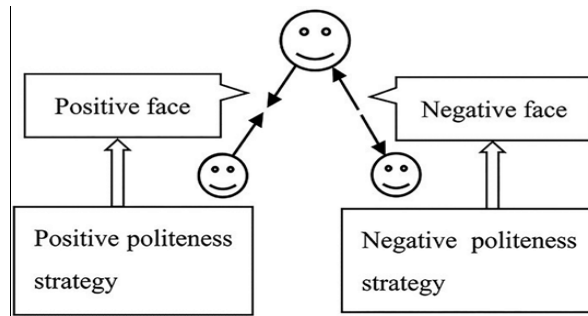
How do you compliment a friend? Try using these compliments that focus on how the person relates to others.

- Being around you makes everything better.
- The people you love are lucky to have you in their lives.
- Any team would be lucky to have you on it.

Complimenting a Romantic Interest

If you want to compliment someone you are interested in romantically or sexually, be polite, recognize the contexts in which such compliments are appropriate, and pay attention to the tone of voice and body language. Respect the other person's boundaries if your compliments seem unwelcome.

If you want to compliment someone you are in a relationship with, you might mention how they make you feel, how much you enjoy seeing them each day, or how creative and talented they are.



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A conclusion: Giving Compliments Makes You and Others Happier (мал.1)

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