

# Positive Reinforcement Language Bank

**Title:** *Positive Reinforcement Phrases That Build Motivation*

**Purpose:** Use specific, strength-based language to reinforce effort, improvement, and positive choices.

## Reinforcing Effort

- “I see how hard you’re working.”
- “You didn’t give up—that shows real persistence.”
- “Your effort is paying off.”
- “You kept trying even when it was difficult.”

## Reinforcing Positive Choices

- “Thank you for choosing to start right away.”
- “I noticed you helped your classmate—that was kind.”
- “You made a responsible choice just now.”
- “I appreciate how you followed the instructions.”

## Reinforcing Improvement

- “You’re improving every day.”
- “Your writing is clearer than last week.”
- “Your focus has really grown.”
- “You’re getting better at managing your time.”

## Reinforcing Collaboration

- “Your group worked well because you listened to each other.”
- “I like how you shared materials respectfully.”
- “You helped your team stay on task.”
- “Your teamwork made the activity stronger.”

## Reinforcing Readiness and Engagement

- “You came prepared—that sets a great example.”
- “I appreciate how quickly you transitioned.”
- “You’re showing real readiness to learn.”
- “Your attention makes a difference.”



## **Reinforcing Calm and Self-Control**

- “You took a deep breath and reset—that’s maturity.”
- “You handled that situation calmly.”
- “You made a thoughtful choice.”
- “You stayed in control even when it was hard.”