Praise your child for their effort and hard work, not the outcome. For example, when your daughter practices for weeks and finally learns to ride a two-wheel bicycle, tell her how proud you are of all of her hard work!

Be specific. For example, say, “You did a great job of sharing your toys with Jacob today.”

Be genuine. Mean what you say! Kids know when your praise is sincere and when it’s not.

Ways to Praise Your Child:
- I’m proud of you.
- Wow, you did it!
- Good work!
- You’ve figured it out.
- Way to go!
- Fantastic.
- I trust you.
- You make my day.

You’re on top of it.
You are being very responsible.
Nice work.
I knew you could do it.
What an imagination!
Well done!
Give a hug, smile or pat on the shoulder.