Honest Praise Response Guide

Accept accurate thanks plainly, correct any mistaken detail, and give appropriate credit to help that actually contributed.

Start with the actual words and deed rather than a broad identity label.

Example: A child is thanked for a complete supplies return but only carried the containers. The response accepts thanks, credits the sibling who checked the list, and leaves an unfinished item visible.

01 Hear the praise

Start with the actual words and deed rather than a broad identity label.

Words of praise or thanks

Specific deed being recognized

Part that is accurate

Material detail that needs correction

02 Know your portion

A truthful response stays within the contribution actually made.

Work the child actually did

Work another person did

Help that genuinely contributed

Result or trait not established

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03 Respond plainly

Receive accurate thanks and make a proportionate correction where needed.

Simple thank-you sentence

Necessary factual correction

Appropriate shared credit

Private detail to leave out

04 Return to the day

Praise need not change the child's ordinary responsibilities.

Actual response given

Unfinished portion if any

Next ordinary duty

One response adjustment to practice