



Access English Centre
Immigrant Centre Manitoba
Multi-level: Warm-up Activity
Simple Compliments
15 minutes



Objective/Goal:

Gives participants the opportunity to practice and give compliments to each other.

Materials:

Participants need:

- Optional* pictures (calendar pictures)

Facilitator needs:

- whiteboard and whiteboard markers
- Optional: For Extension Activities-
 - computer(with internet access)
 - projector
 - screen

Procedure:

- 1) **Write** "Compliments" on the whiteboard. **Ask** the participants the meaning of "compliments"-saying kind words about each other.
- 2) Have the participants **gather together** in a circle. **Brainstorm** some compliments of each other.
- 3) **Explain** to the whole group that it is a good way to socialize with each other by giving compliments to each other.
Ex.
 - appearance(ex. I like your hair today.)
 - personal qualities/habits (ex. You are very kind, I appreciate that you always open the door for me.)
 - personal items (ex. nice car)
- 4) **Brainstorm** together.
Ex. "I like your shirt, Sergey."
- 5) **Practise** giving and receiving compliments. When receiving compliments, just smile and say "thanks".
- 6) Everyone will **sit** in a circle. You will **give** a compliment to the person on the left. or **Choose** someone within the circle and give a compliment.

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For Beginner English:

Ex. One – word or short answer

nice hair

For Intermediate Level: Phrase

I really like your hair, Jia. It's very shiny and smooth.

For Advanced Level: Simile

You look great, Jia. You look as good as *Julia Roberts at a movie premiere.

7. **Write** the words on the whiteboard(optional).

Extension Activities:

A. Give pictures to each group and decide as a small group or whole group which compliment is best and post on the classroom walls. You can use speech bubbles to write the best sayings and attach to pictures.
(optional: <http://www.freeprintables.org/8-blank-speech-bubbles/#>)

EX. **Beginner Level-** cute birds

Intermediate Level- I like how the birds stick together.

Advanced Level- The birds show a lot of closeness with each other just like me with my brothers.



B. For your research, check-out:

- <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/compliment>
- http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lisa-mirza-grotts/giving-and-accepting-comp_b_2476316.html
- <http://www.mncuf.org/youare.htm> (list of complimentary adjectives)



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C. This activity is especially relevant on **January 24**(**National Compliment Day**), please see:

<http://www.altiusdirectory.com/Society/national-compliment-day.php>

D. If you had extra time, please feel free to show the whole group the following short video on compliments on **National Compliment Day: January 24-**

[http://www.examiner.com/video/national-compliment-day\(4:26\)](http://www.examiner.com/video/national-compliment-day(4:26))