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"VERY GOOD"

1. You're on the right track now! 2. You are very good at that. **3.** That's the best you have ever done. 4. I'm happy to see you working like that. 5. Nice try! 6. That's the way to do it. 7. I knew you could do it. 8. Now you've figured it out. 9. Now you have it. **10.** OUTSTANDING! **11.** Keep working on it; you're getting better. **12.** You're really working hard today **13.** You're a great help! **14.** You're getting better every day. 15. You're really growing up! **16.** You figured that out fast.

**53.** Congratulations! **54.** That's quite an improvement. **55.** That's a masterpiece! **56.** EXCELLENT! **57.** That's the best ever. **58.** You're doing fine. **59.** You are learning fast. **60.** THAT'S IT! **61.** Couldn't have done it better myself. **62.** You really make being a parent fun. **63.** TERRIFIC! **64.** You did it that time! **65.** You

haven't missed a thing. 66. Now you've figured it out. 67. That's the way! 68. DYNAMITE! 69. Keep up the hard work. 70. Nothing can stop you now! 71. Good for you! 72. You've got your brain in gear today. 73. WONDERFUL! 74. You did a lot of work today! 75. Nice going. 76. Now that's what I call a fine job!

**17.** You're a real prince (or princess). 18. You did that very well. 19. Nice going. 20. That's a kind thing you *did.* **21.** Keep it up! **22.** *SUPER!* **23.** You make it look easy. 24. When I'm with you I feel *like singing!* **25.** I sure am happy you are my child. 26. That's my boy (or girl)! 27. I'm very proud of you. 28. I'm proud of the way you worked today. 29. You can do it! 30. You'll do *better next time!* **31.** *I* think you've got it now. 32. *Keep on trying!* **33.** You've get that down pat! 34. Good

**77.** It's a pleasure to be a mommy (or daddy) when you work like that. 78. You've just about mastered that! 79. Right on! **80.** *Good* remembering! **81.** You are really *learning a lot.* **82.** You've got a great future! 83. FINE! 84. You're doing the best you can! 85. TREMENDOUS! 86. You *out-did yourself today!* **87.** *PERFECT!* 88. You remembered. 89. Now you have the hang of it! 90. GREAT! 91. Well, look at you go! 92. That gives me a happy feeling. 93. That's a friendly thing to do! 94. CLEVER! 95. You're like a beautiful (name object), (name child). 96. Way to go. 97. MARVELOUS! 98. You're beautiful. **99.** CONGRATULATIONS! You got (name behavior) right. **100.** *LOVELY*!

thinking! 35. You are doing that much better today. 36. You've just about got it. 37. You're really going to town!
38. You're really improving. 39. I love you! 40 SUPERB! 41. That's much better! 42. That's really nice. 43. I like that. 44. You must have been practicing! 47. I appreciate your help. 48. One more time and you'll have it. 49. SENSATIONAL! 50. Nobody's perfect. 51. You certainly did well today. 52. You're doing beautifully.

**Suggestion:** Be specific when you praise a child. For example: *"Tammy, you worked very hard on that model. Now it's finished. Great!"* 

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