

How to pay a compliment

Learn some words and phrases to pay or accept compliments.

Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the task. You can read the transcript at any time.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

Vocabulary

1. by the way
2. I appreciate that
3. to clinch
4. a deal
5. flattered
6. modest
7. the high street
8. an outfit

Definitions

- a. (we say this when we want to introduce a new subject)
- b. to win; to get
- c. a business agreement
- d. not talking much about your achievements or abilities
- e. (another way of saying 'thank you' or showing you are grateful)
- f. the main street of a town where most shops are
- g. a set of clothes
- h. feeling pleased because someone has said something good about you

Task 1

Put the words and phrases in order to make sentences.

1. to say well done wanted on I just By the way, clinching that deal.
2. thanks. wasn't too difficult. Oh, It
3. really well. You did modest! You're being
4. Do so? you think
5. that. appreciate I
6. Have hair? cut your you

7. for noticing! Thanks

8. a great They great. job and it looks did

Discussion

Are these compliments acceptable where you live? How do people pay or accept compliments in your country?

Transcript

Man: Good morning!

Woman: Morning!

Man: By the way, I just wanted to say well done on clinching that deal!

Woman: Oh, thanks. It wasn't too difficult.

Man: You're being modest! You did really well.

Woman: Thank you.

Man: You're a great manager, you know.

Woman: Do you think so?

Man: Oh, yeah.

Woman: I appreciate that.

Man: Have you cut your hair?

Woman: Oh yes, I did, actually. Thanks for noticing!

Man: Where did you get it done?

Woman: Oh, just that place on the high street.

Man: They did a great job and it looks great with the outfit.

Woman: Do you think so?

Man: Oh yeah. Very fashionable.

Woman: Oh, it's just an old thing.

Man: Well, you've got a great sense of style.

Woman: Thank you, you too.

Man: Thank you.

Man: Nice perfume, too. Is that *Dream*?

Woman: Well, yes, it is, actually.

Man: You wear it well.

Woman: I'm flattered.

Man: My pleasure.

Woman: Listen, do you want something?

Man: No. I'm just being polite, you know.

Woman: Hmm.

Answers

Preparation task

1. a
2. e
3. b
4. c
5. h
6. d
7. f
8. g

Task 1

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2. Oh, thanks. It wasn't too difficult.
3. You're being modest! You did really well.
4. Do you think so?
5. I appreciate that.
6. Have you cut your hair?
7. Thanks for noticing!
8. They did a great job and it looks great.