

Positive Power Words for Parents

Words for listening well

- Tell me more.
- That's interesting.
- How can I help?
- How do you feel about that?
- Please, thank you, good morning, etc. (extending courtesies to your children).
- Thank you for showing me how to do that (when your children give you computer tips, etc.).

Words for encouraging

- You're really good at that.
- That's wonderful - how'd you do that?
- I am so proud of you!
- Way to go! I wish I could do that as well as you.
- I couldn't have done that without you.
- I love you forever; I'll like you for always.



Words that affirm character

- You're a very considerate person.
- Your hard work is really paying off.
- You really stick with the projects you start.
- You're a good conversationalist.
- You take care of animals so well.
- I can always count on you.

Words that frame a positive future

- I think you're really going to enjoy college someday.
- You're really good at speaking & debating; you'll be good at forensics once you get to high school.
- You're very musical; you can enjoy playing that guitar your whole life.
- You're so good with math. That opens up so many career choices for you.