



FOR JUDGES AND TEACHERS: HOW TO SAY “GOOD JOB”

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<p>Ways to say “GOOD JOB”: Accurate. Bang-up job Beautiful playing. Clean Performance. Congratulations. Convincing Performance Energetic. Excellent Fantastic. Fine Job. Fun. Good attention to detail. Good firm finger technique. Good for you. Good tone. Good work. Great. Impressive. It was a pleasure to hear you. Keep it up. Keep up the good work. Lively. Marvelous. Nice going. Precise playing. Perfect. Pleasing performance. Poised, confident playing. Secure performance. Great singing melody. Super Superb That’s first class work. Tremendous. WOW! Spirited performance of this piece. Trills nice and clean – excellent! Good energy and forward drive without heaviness – Bravo! Stunning! Good vibrant opening statement Gorgeous tone color. Suave rhythm. Lovely tapering at ends of phrases Sensitive Tone Matching Oh! That really moved me! You played with tons of expression. You count and listen for dynamics. I like the way you have learned to listen for dynamics, tone, and phrasing. I like your tone quality at the piano You are very confident! I like your clear, clean playing. You made that look easy. You have a flair for this piece. That was worthy of a concert pianist. Your body was feeling it as well as your flowing fingers. You and your teacher are a great pair.</p>	<p>LOVELY WAY TO SAY IT Beautiful Atmosphere Loved your colors and suppleness of phrases Very heartfelt, poetic, and stylistic opening Shape melody until it breaks our hearts So impressed by your sensitivity & artistry Can this begin soft, dreamy, out of nowhere You have captured the character & style Wonderful sense of passion & agitato Lovely reflective character What Fluidly beautiful tone color top voices were not always successful for my ear You are amazing in both technic & artistry Keep digging to connect even more with what you Are trying to convey to the listener Play through to the long note You played with elegance Less pedal so the excellent finger work is heard Love your endless lines and sound layering</p>	<p>Ways to say “ALMOST”: Follow teacher’s instructions carefully. Almost. Check your tempo. Check your legato fingering. Exaggerate your dynamic even more. Good luck to you as you study further. Good recovery after . . . Good thinking. tried it faster (slower, louder, softer)? Hope to see you again next year. I would like to hear more _____. Keep on practicing. Keep working on _____. Listen carefully for _____. Listen to _____. Listen to the balance between hands. Reach for and connect legato. Thank you Try to be very precise with _____. Watch for _____. Work for more _____. You’ve just about got it! You’ve just about mastered that! You can do it. You really went to town. Your detailed practice really shows. You slow practice really shows. This is one of those times when I wish we could try it again.</p>
	<p>MISCELLANEOUS: What an artist you are! Your performance demonstrates much musical depth and maturity. You are playing carefully and musically. You are playing with joy and enthusiasm. Nice performance today. You are playing musically and with feeling. Good for you. You have a bundle of energy which you put into your music. You listen and play sensitively. Your performance makes me feel good. I love your confident playing. I love your enthusiasm. I love the way you communicated the ideas in this piece What a musical young (man/woman) you are! You play beautifully. A talented beginner and well-taught! You are gifted. You have ability. Excellent beginning! What a joy it was to listen to you! You have done well in mastering styles in a mature way. Your music is a great gift! Thank you for the wonderful dynamic colors.</p>	<p>Try it again next year. I can tell you enjoyed this piece. What a beautiful, gentle start. I’m so glad you were able to recover from that little memory slip at the beginning. Your sense of phrase projects well. LH passage work be stronger, accurate make all passages clear, clean I love your enthusiasm. You put your heart in it. great imagination for this performance. Thank you for that super effort.</p>