

Activity Type

Vocabulary Game:
matching, pelmanism
(pair work)

Focus

Giving and accepting
compliments

Aim

To practice language for
giving and accepting
compliments.

Preparation

Make one set of the
situation cards and one
set of the response cards
for each group of three
and cut as indicated.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

Here is a giving and accepting compliments game for students to play in class.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three.

Give each group a set of situation cards and a set of response cards.

Ask the students to shuffle the two sets of cards separately and spread them out face-down on the table in two sets.

Students then take it in turns to turn over one situation card and one response card.

If the situation matches the response, the student reads it aloud, keeps the two cards and has another turn.

If the cards don't match, the student turns them back over, keeping them in the same place.

The game continues until all the cards have been matched.

The student with the most pairs of cards at the end of the game wins.

Afterwards, check the correct answers with the class.

Answer key

1. d	6. p	11. k	16. i
2. s	7. m	12. n	17. r
3. t	8. j	13. c	18. e
4. h	9. f	14. g	19. q
5. l	10. a	15. b	20. o



1. As your guests are leaving, they thank you for inviting them to dinner.

2. Someone has just given you some flowers.

3. A neighbour thanks you for looking after her daughters.

4. A friend is taking their driving test tomorrow.

5. Your classmate has an important football match tomorrow.

6. Two friends have just told you they are getting married.

7. An adult tells you their age.

8. You see a friend you haven't seen in many years.

9. You are visiting someone's house for the first time.

10. Someone has just passed a difficult exam.

11. A classmate is wearing a new green dress.

12. A friend has thanked you for a shirt you have just given her.

13. You meet someone with a baby girl.

14. A friend has just returned from the hairdresser.

15. You are a teacher. A student has been studying very hard.

16. A friend compliments you on a cake you have made.

17. You are leaving your friend's house after having dinner there.

18. A classmate is moving to another city so you won't see them any more.

19. A friend has made some changes to their living room.

20. Someone has just baked you a birthday cake.

a. Well done! You're so smart.

b. Keep up the good work! You're doing an excellent job.

c. She's really lovely.

d. It was a pleasure. You must come again soon.

e. I'm really going to miss you. You are a really good friend.

f. You have a beautiful home.

g. I love your new hairstyle.

h. You can do it! You're an excellent driver.

i. I'm glad you enjoyed eating it. Have another slice.

j. You look great. You haven't changed a bit.

k. You look really good in that colour.

l. Good luck! I'm sure you'll win. You're a very good football player.

m. You look much younger.

n. You're welcome. I think it will look really good on you.

o. It was so kind of you to remember my birthday.

p. Congratulations! I'm sure you'll be very happy together. You're a perfect match.

q. I love what you've done with this room.

r. Thanks for a lovely evening. The food was amazing.

s. Thanks! They smell lovely.

t. It was no problem. They're very good girls.