

“Good job!”

Effective tips to reinforce appropriate behavior

Be clear

Reinforcement should be easily identified and related to a specific behavior.

Be consistent

Reinforcement should happen at a planned time, place, or situation.

Act immediately

Students should know when to expect reinforcement.

Be age appropriate

Reinforcement should be appropriate to the student’s age.

Recognize improvements

Let students know that they have improved and that you recognize their efforts.

Only reinforce the behavior

Do not give reinforcement because you feel sorry for a student. To be effective, reinforcement must be contingent on behavior.



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