

Lesson 6: Compliments ほめことば - 2

- ▶ Compliments as a *social lubricant* 「社会の潤滑油」
- ▶ Focus on responses to compliments ほめことばへのこたえ
 - ◆ desire to agree: attempt to be nice and agreeable
賛同したい・感じの良いこたえをしたい欲求
 - vs.
 - ◆ desire to avoid self-conceit: attempt not to sound self-conceited (Pomerantz 1978)
自画自賛 している・うぬぼれていると思われたくない欲求

Oh,
thank you!

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Responses to compliments in a textbook ほめことばへのこたえ ~中学の教科書から~

- Yuki: Do Americans always say nice things to each other?
Mike: Sometimes. It's a kind of greeting. Here, I'll give you an example. When you have a new bag, I can say, "I like your bag."
Y: What should I say then?
M: You should say, "Thanks."
Y: Should I say something else?
M: No. Just "Thanks."

(Sato et al. 2006: 38-39)



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Case Study - 1

Observing responses to compliments in English
ほめことばへのこたえを観察してみよう

Expressions

- ▶ sweater (n.) a knitted piece of clothing セーター、ニット
- ▶ dig (n.) excavate 挖る、掘り出す (dig up)
- ▶ out of - from ~から
- ▶ closet (n.) storage space クローゼット、押し入れ
- ▶ glasses (n. pl) a pair of spectacles, lenses メガネ

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1. Mike: What a nice sweater! You look great in it.
Martha: Thanks. Glad you like it.

2. Alice: Nice shirt!
Tim: I just dug it out of my closet.



3. Megan: Those are nice glasses.
Gloria: Yours are nice, too.

4. Katie: Your jacket is cool!
John: My favorite!
Katie: Expensive?
John: No.

(adapted from Ishihara 2022; Wolfson 1981)

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Compliment Responses: Types and Strategies

(Herbert & Straight, 1989; Nelson et al., 1996; Ishihara 2022: 71-72)

Compliment: Positive politeness strategies ほめことば：親しみや連帯感を表すポジティブ・ポライトネス

▶ Accepting 受け入れる

- ◆ Showing appreciation 「ありがとう」
- ◆ Agreeing 「そうだね」
- ◆ Upgrading 「すごいでしょ」

▶ Deflecting かわす

- ◆ (see the next slide for various strategies) (次のスライド参照)

▶ Rejecting 受け入れない

- ◆ Disagreeing 「とんでもない」

| Response Types | Response Strategies | |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|------|
| Accepting 受け入れる | • Showing appreciation 感謝する | 29% |
| | • Agreeing 合意する | 7% |
| | • Upgrading グレードアップする | 0.4% |
| Deflecting かわす | • Commenting on history 経歴についてコメントする | 19% |
| | • Shifting credit 称賛を他の人に振りむける | 3% |
| | • Returning a compliment ほめことばを返す | 7% |
| | • Downgrading グレードダウンする | 4% |
| | • Questioning 疑う・真偽を確かめる | 5% |
| | • Interpreting as a request 依頼と解釈する | 3% |
| Rejecting 受け入れない | • Disagreeing 合意しない | 10% |

英語S(2) 第6講 ハンドアウト (英語情報が多いスライドのみ)

| Responses to Compliments | Strategies |
|--|------------|
| 1. A: You look great in that outfit. B: <i>Thanks.</i> | |
| 2. A: Gosh, I love your watch! B: <i>Yeah, it's my favorite too.</i> | |
| 3. A: Your sweater looks great! B: <i>Brings out the blue in my eyes, doesn't it?</i> | |
| 4. A: That's a nice shirt you are wearing! B: <i>Well, I just got it at Don Quixote, though.</i> | |
| 5. A: You did an excellent job yesterday, Kyoko! B: <i>Do you really think so?</i> | |
| 6. A: Look at that! What a nice clock! It looks great there. B: <i>Oh, thank you. A friend of mine gave it to me.</i> | |
| 7. A: You're lookin' good! B: <i>Thanks, So're you!</i> | |
| 8. A: That's a nice backpack you are wearing. B: <i>Oh, this? I bought it for the trip to Hokkaido.</i> | |
| 9. A: I really like that dress. B: <i>I hate it. It looks like a bag.</i> | |

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Case Study - 2

Analyzing responses to compliments

ほめことばのこたえを分析してみよう

Expressions

- ▶ move in relocate in 引っ越す
- ▶ daughter (n.) female child, girl 娘、女の子
- ▶ attitude (n.) manner 態度、姿勢
- ▶ certainly surely, absolutely 確かに、絶対に
- ▶ proud of take pride in 誇りに思う
- ▶ match (v.) fit with, equal 合う、適合する、匹敵する

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英語S(2) 第6講 ハンドアウト (英語情報が多いスライドのみ)

Scenario: A couple close to your age have just moved in next door today and come to your house to say hello. After your five-year-old daughter greets them and goes back into the house, they say to you "What a beautiful girl she is!" You say:

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Filling in the blanks 穴埋めをしてみよう



- a. Thank you! We're very _____ her.
- b. Well, thank you. We _____ think so!
- c. She has a great _____ too.
- d. She is growing up so _____. I cannot believe she is already five years old. Do you have any children?
- e. You can have her _____ if you like.
- f. However, her beauty doesn't _____ her attitude.
- g. Oh, thank you. She has been _____ like a weed for the past few months. They grow up _____.
- h. Thank you. She is an _____ ... most of the time!

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Comparing and contrasting 比べてみよう

- ▶ Anything you noticed 何か気づいたこと

- ▶ Next time you would say 次回に自分がいいたいこと

Case Study - 3

Observing compliment responses in lingua franca English
国際語としての英語を観察してみよう

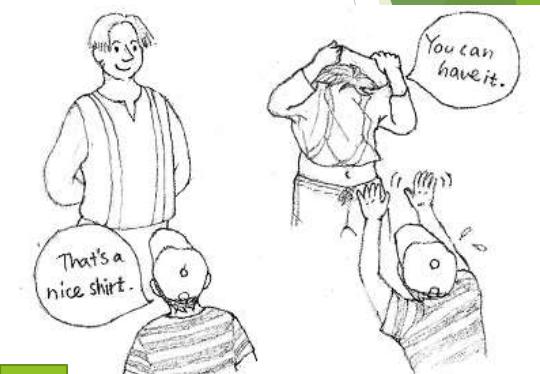
Daren: "That's a nice watch you're
wearing."

Hassan: "You can have it." (Jordan)

Joshua: Your watch is cool!

Roberto: I can buy one like this for
you. (Venezuela)

(adapted from Ishihara 2004, 2022: 154)





Steve: Nice job!

SungEn: No, I didn't do well. (Korea)

Kei: Oh, so this is your new-born. Hello, angel.

Hitomi: Well, doesn't she look like a monkey?"

Kei: "Oh, no, not at all, she is beautiful." (Japan)

(adapted from Ishihara 2004, 2022)

Case Study - 4

Observing an interaction 会話を聞いてみよう

Expressions

- ▶ Long time no see. It's been a while. 久しぶり！
- ▶ sweepstakes (n.) lottery, contest 懸賞、宝くじ、抽選
- ▶ What have you been up to? What have you been doing? How has it been?
最近いかがですか？最近どうしてる？
- ▶ go for a ride go for a drive ドライブに行く

英語S (2) 第6講 ハンドアウト (英語情報が多いスライドのみ)

Who's speaking and on what occasion?

- Formality フォーマリティー:
- Gender 性別:
- Relationship 人間関係:
- Topic 話題:
- Language ことば:

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Sample interaction



Tyler: Hey, Ben, what's going on?

Ben: Hey, good to see you my friend, long time no see.

Tyler: Wow, you got a nice car here.

Ben: Yeah, came into some luck, won a sweepstakes, you know.

Tyler: Oh really?

Ben: Yeah, you know it.

Tyler: Yeah, so, what have you been up to? When did you win the sweepstakes?

Ben: Cruising it, cruising, a couple of weeks ago.

Tyler: Yeah.

Ben: You wanna go for a ride?

Tyler: Yeah, that'd be great.

Ben: Cool, let's do it, hop in.

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➤Formality:

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➤Gender:

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➤Relationship:

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➤Topic:

➤Language:

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Your Reflection 振り返り・考察

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