Polite Insults

In this task, we ask you to create insulting remarks that superficially sound as polite remarks. These remarks are also sometimes referred to as polite insults.

You will be given a specific insult which you are asked to paraphrase. The insult you are given, however, uses insulting words.

Here are some examples that may give you some idea what we are aiming for:

• Given insult: *I hate you*.

• Polite insult: You inspire my serial killer.

• Given insult: *You are stupid*.

• Polite insult: You are not very clever.

It is important that the remarks you invent are **unambiguously** insulting. That is, they should not only be insulting in a very specific situation. For example, in order to paraphrase the explicit insult *You stink*. you may come up with *Deodorant is not expensive*. However, such remark is too ambiguous. In the context of discussing prices of drugstore products the above remark would not carry any insulting undertone.

For your paraphrase, you should comply with the following rules:

- The paraphrase must have the **same meaning as the given insult**.
- Write fully grammatical sentences.
- Sentences should be understood by anyone. Do not refer to any events or persons that are not known by everyone.
- If possible use words with a **positive** connotation (e.g. inspire, clever, nice, enthusiastic).
- Do **not use** the words of the examples above.
- Do **not repeat** the constructions used above. Vary the syntactic structures.
- Write a **short remark** comprising only 1 sentence.
- Avoid ambiguous remarks.
- **Avoid** any insulting word. <u>You find a large example list of insulting words here</u>. Your statement must not contain any of these words.
- **Avoid** any comparisons (e.g. You are like a child., You walk like an old man., You have the face of criminal., You have the IQ of a cheesecake. etc.)

Please think hard about each insult and take your time for each of them.

In case you really cannot think of any appropriate paraphrase, then type in **NO IDEA**. However, we will reject any submissions with the overall amount of responses being cases of *NO IDEA*.