

compliment**1. ['kɒmplɪmənt] n****1. комплимент, похвала**

left-handed/doubtful/ compliment - сомнительный комплимент

to pay /to make/ a compliment - сделать /сказать/ комплимент

to return the compliment - а) ответить комплиментом на комплимент, б) ответить тем же

to angle /to fish/ for compliments - напрашиваться на комплимент(ы)

2. любезность

to do smb. the compliment of inviting him to dinner - оказать кому-л. честь, пригласив на обед

I take it as a compliment to be asked to speak - я считаю за честь, что меня просят выступить

3. pl привет, поклон; поздравление

with compliments - с приветом (в конце письма)

compliments of the season - поздравительные рождественские и новогодние приветствия

with Mr. A.'s [the author's] compliments - от г-на А. [от автора] (записка при театральных билетах, книге и т. п., преподносимых в подарок)

to pay /to present/ one's compliments - засвидетельствовать (своё) почтение

give my compliments to your wife - передайте привет Вашей жене

4. уст., диал. подарок**2. ['kɒmplɪmənt] v****1. говорить комплименты, хвалить**

to compliment a lady on her appearance - говорить даме комплименты по поводу её внешности

to compliment smb. on his speech - хвалить кого-л. за его речь

2. приветствовать, поздравлять

to compliment smb. on his progress - поздравить кого-л. с успехом

to compliment smb. with the degree of Master of Arts - поздравить кого-л. с получением степени магистра гуманитарных наук

3. (with) книжн. подарить

he complimented us with tickets for the exhibition - он преподнёс нам билеты на выставку

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com·pli·ment [compliment compliments complimented complimenting] **noun**,**verb****noun** *BrE* ['kɒmplɪmənt] ^m ; *NAmE* ['kɑːmplɪmənt] ^m**1. countable** a remark that expresses praise or admiration of sb

• to pay sb a compliment (= to praise them for sth)

• 'You understand the problem because you're so much older.' 'I'll take that as a compliment !'

• It's a great compliment to be asked to do the job.

• to return the compliment (= to treat sb in the same way as they have treated you)

2. compliments plural (formal) polite words or good wishes, especially when used to express praise and admiration

• My compliments to the chef!

• (BrE) Compliments of the season! (= for Christmas or the New Year)

• Please accept these flowers with the compliments of (= as a gift from) the manager.

see backhanded compliment **at** ↑backhandedWord Origin:

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Example Bank:

• He returned her compliment by saying how well she looked.

• I'll take that as a compliment.

• If Mark's wearing a suit, that'll be a compliment to you!

• In a backhanded compliment she said he looked very good for his age.

• Please don't misunderstand me— I meant it as a compliment.

• Please give my compliments to your wife.

• She acknowledged their compliments with a big smile.

• She received several compliments on her speech.

• She's always fishing for compliments about her looks.

• The only enclosure was a formal compliments slip from the accounts department.

• To listen to someone is the greatest compliment you can pay.

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• She always paid me compliments on my hair and my clothes.

verb *BrE* ['kɒmplɪmənt] ^m ; *NAmE* ['kɑːmplɪmənt] ^m ~ sb (on sth)

to tell sb that you like or admire sth they have done, their appearance, etc

• She complimented him on his excellent German.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	compliment
	BrE / 'kɒmplɪmənt/
	NAmE / 'kɔːmplɪmənt/
he / she / it	compliments
	BrE / 'kɒmplɪmənts/
	NAmE / 'kɔːmplɪmənts/
past simple, past participle	complimented
	BrE / 'kɒmplɪməntɪd/
	NAmE / 'kɔːmplɪməntɪd/
-ing form	complimenting
	BrE / 'kɒmplɪməntɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'kɔːmplɪməntɪŋ/

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Which Word?:

compliment / complement

These words have similar spellings but completely different meanings. If you compliment someone, you say something very nice to them: ▪ She complimented me on my English. If one thing complements another, the two things work or look better because they are together: ▪ The different flavours complement each other perfectly.

The adjectives are also often confused. Complimentary: ▪ She made some very complimentary remarks about my English. It can also mean 'free': ▪ There was a complimentary basket of fruit in our room. Complementary: ▪ The team members have different but complementary skills.

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I. **compli ment**¹ /'kɒmpləmənt, 'kɒmplɪmənt \$ 'kɑːm- BrE² AmE² noun

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: French; Origin: Italian, from Spanish cumplimiento, from cumplir; ⇨ ↑comply]

1. [countable] a remark that shows you admire someone or something:

- All the guests paid her extravagant compliments.
- Being compared to Abba is a great compliment.

compliment on

- compliments on her appearance

2. take something as a compliment to be pleased about what someone says about you, even though they may not mean to be nice:

- They all seem to think that I ask rather cheeky questions, which I'll take as a compliment.

3. [singular] an action that shows you admire someone:

- He paid MacLennan the finest compliment of all by imitating him.

compliment to

- It's a great compliment to the band that he came out of retirement to interview them.

4. fish for compliments to try to make someone say something nice about you

5. compliments [plural] praise or good wishes:

- This soup is delicious; my compliments to the chef.

6. with the compliments of somebody/with our compliments formal used by a person or company when they send or give something to you:

- With the compliments of J. Smith & Son.
- Please accept these tickets with our compliments.

7. the compliments of the season old-fashioned used as a spoken or written greeting at Christmas and New Year

8. return the compliment to behave towards someone in the same way as they have behaved towards you:

- They didn't take a lot of notice of me, and I returned the compliment.

9. back-handed compliment British English, left-handed compliment American English something that someone says to you which is nice and not nice at the same time:

- 'You've got a brain. Try using it.' 'Thanks for the back-handed compliment!'

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **pay/give somebody a compliment** He was always paying her compliments.
- **mean something as a compliment** When I said she'd lost weight, I meant it as a compliment.
- **get/receive a compliment** The exhibition has received a lot of compliments from the public.
- **accept a compliment** (=show that you are pleased to have been given a compliment) She accepted his compliment graciously.

■ adjectives

- **a great compliment** He said he loved my paintings, which was a great compliment.
- **the highest compliment** (=the best thing you can say) The highest compliment you can pay an actor is to say they don't look as if they are acting.
- **an unexpected compliment** John blushed at the unexpected compliment.

II. **compli ment**² /'kɒmplɪment, 'kɒmplɪment \$ 'kɑːm- BrE¹ AmE² verb [transitive]

to say something nice to someone in order to praise them

compliment somebody on something

- " Bob complimented me on my new hairstyle.
- " The groom was so nervous he forgot to compliment the bridesmaids.

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THESAURUS

- **praise** to say that you admire and approve of someone or something, especially publicly: The film was praised by the critics when it first came out. | The report praises staff in both schools. | It's important to praise children.
- **congratulate** to tell someone that you think it is good that they have achieved something: I congratulated him on his success. | The government should be congratulated for what they have achieved.
- **compliment** to say to someone that you like how they look, or you like something they have done: She complimented me on my new hairstyle. | He complimented my cooking.
- **flatter** to praise someone in order to please them or get something from them, even though you do not mean it: He had persuaded her to buy it by flattering her and being charming. | You're just flattering me!
- **rave about something** (also **enthuse about something formal**) to talk about something you enjoy or admire in an excited way, and say that it is very good. **Rave** is rather informal, whereas **enthuse** is much more formal and is used mainly in written English: Everyone is raving about the movie. | She enthused about the joys of motherhood.
- **applaud formal** to publicly praise a decision, action, idea etc: Business leaders applauded the decision. | A spokesperson applauded the way the festival had been run.
- **commend formal** to praise someone or something, especially officially: After the battle, Andrew Jackson commended him for 'his courage and fidelity'. | The officers should be commended for their prompt action.
- **hail somebody/something as something especially written** to describe someone or something in a way that shows you have a very good opinion of them, especially in newspapers, on television reports etc: The book was hailed as a masterpiece. | Journalists and music writers hailed the band as 'the next big thing'. | He is being hailed as the new James Dean.

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