

The Vending Machine That Gives Compliments

ARTICLE READING

A school has installed a special vending machine, but it does not sell drinks or snacks. Instead, it gives short compliments. A student presses a button and receives a message such as, 'You worked hard today' or 'Your ideas matter.' The machine was created to make the school feel more positive. Students can choose a message for themselves or give one to a friend. Teachers say a small kind sentence can change a person's mood, especially after a difficult class. Some students, however, want the machine to give funny compliments too. They suggest messages like, 'Your backpack has excellent style' or 'You are the fastest person to finish a sandwich.'

If the machine could give only one ridiculous compliment today, what would it say?

1. What kind compliment would you like to receive after a difficult day?
2. What funny compliment could you give to a friend?
3. Should a compliment machine be free for everyone? Why?

4. Is it easier to give a compliment or to receive one? Explain.
5. What compliment would you give to a person's shoes, bag, or lunch?
6. How could a school create a kinder atmosphere without buying a machine?