

Good vs. bad feedback*

Feedback	Good/bad?	Motivation	Improved phrasing
“The solution provided by the student is of poor quality so you give the feedback: "This is not good work, because..."			
The student has provided a good solution and presented it well, so you write "Well done!"			
“I enjoyed reading your answer because you have structured it well and supported it with a good example. It is good practice to use examples whenever you are discussing abstract concepts. Well done!”			
"You have made this mistake before: you have missed some variables, maybe because you are only focusing on the main functionality. Be more careful.”			
“Your solution is incomplete because you have not considered all the possible alternatives for this use case. You had the same problem on your initial assignment. Please read the requirements specification again to see how you could improve on this use case description. It’s a good start, though.”			
Your student has made the same error several times, so you tell them: "You are repeatedly making this mistake, you should be more careful"			
Your student has made an error, and you start by "The correct answer is..."			
"I was expecting a more detailed answer. You can do better."			