

Emotionally Nutritious Words

DESCRIBE WHAT IS RIGHT ABOUT THE PERSON IN FRONT OF YOU.

In the Nurtured Heart Approach®, created by Howard Glasser, this type of recognition is called Experiential Recognition (what you see + the value).

Ask yourself "What is so great about what I am seeing?" or "What do I appreciate about this moment in front of me?" Remember to stay in the NOW and relentlessly refuse to admire in silence.

Here is an example of how you may use these words to recognize and reflect what is right. "I see, notice, etc. that you are (fill in emotionally nutritious word) because..."(describe specifically what evidence you have of this by their actions).

A great example A great listener A hard worker A helper Ajoy A problem solver A spirit warrior A warrior of good Able to think ahead Acting creatively Acting responsible Admirable Appreciative Artistic Attentive Attentive to detail Attuned to others Authentic Aware

Being inspirational Being powerful A good friend Being wise Brave Brilliantly thinking Bringing out the best in others

Capable of solving problems Centered Clear Committed Compassionate Connected to others Considerate Constructive Content Contributing to a quiet classroom Cooperative Courageous Courteous Creating a peaceful place Creative

Dedicated Deep thinker Delightful in spirit Detail-oriented Demonstrating integrity Determined Dignified Discerning

Eager to learn Easy to like Efficient Empathetic Encouraging Energetic Exceeding expectations

Fair Faithful Focused Fearless in learning Flexible Forgiving Full of (add own word) Full of generosity Full of joy

Generous Gentle Genuine Giving Giving of your time Good-hearted Gracious Grateful

Handling strong emotions Having a servant's heart Having an open mind Having unique ideas Helpful Harnessing your energy for good Honest Honorable Hopeful Humble Humorous

Independent Inquisitive Inquisitive Intuitive Inspiring



Intelligent

Joyful

Kind Kindhearted

Lighthearted Likable Logical Looking out for others Loving

Making an insightful inference Making a solid educated guess Making great choices Managing your time well Merciful Mindful Motivated

Neat

Observant Open-minded Organized Overflowing with thoughtfulness Overflowing with patience

Patient Peaceful Persistent Pleasant Polite Positive Powerful Powerfully spirited Productive Purposeful Passionate

Questioning Quiet

Reasonable Receptive to new ideas Refined Relationally focused Relentless Relentless in finding the answer Respectful Respecting of self

Seeing the big picture Seeking justice Self-controlled Sensing what is right Sensitive to others' needs Showing integrity Showing wisdom Sincere Soulful Spiritually wise Steadfast Strong on the inside Sunshine to others

Tactful Teachable Tenacious Tenderhearted Thankful Thoughtful Thrifty Trustworthy

Understanding Unifying Uplifting Using a pleasant voice Using your great mind

Vibrant Vigilant Visionary

Warm Weighing your choices Welcoming of all Well mannered Wise

Youthful

Zestful

Challenge: Take these words and start your own day with the ABC's. "I am the greatness of..." or "I have the spirit of" Start with an A word and continue. Remember to describe specifically how you demonstrate these qualities in your life.

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