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Valentine's Day: Coaching Compliments

Let's build some self esteem and celebrate the day! Here's a powerful activity for classroom collaboration, group sessions, and student birthdays. For this example, let's assume a classroom is making a group valentine for their teacher, Mrs. Wilson.

1. Mrs. Wilson leaves the room. SLP discusses "compliments." What are they? How do you feel when you are complimented? Do you like "inside" compliments ("You are kind") or "outside" compliments ("Your hair is shiny")? What can you say when you receive them?
2. SLP hands out a medium sized die cut heart to each student. SLP chooses one student at a time to say a compliment about Mrs. Wilson, beginning with the words "You are." Compliments are written by the SLP on poster board with Mrs. Wilson's name at the top. While each student is dictating his/her compliment, the rest are decorating their heart. Use double-stick tape to attach them to the sides of the list of compliments.
3. Mrs. Wilson returns to the room. The SLP reads the list of

compliments with flair and celebration. Mrs. Wilson is given the class Valentine, and allowed to thank her students, demonstrating how to receive a compliment. The teacher's valentine is put on the bulletin board to celebrate the special day!

This small activity can have a big impact, especially when a student who struggles receives compliments from classmates. Variation: Write a list of the classroom students down the side of a paper. Students write a compliment about each student, and decorate an envelope for themselves. SLP slices the papers up, and put compliments to "Joe" into Joe's envelope. Send envelope home with Joe, put them in a book, or hang them up.



Featured App: Between the Lines

Our clinicians love [this series of social skills apps](#). Priced between \$.99 and \$16 per level, sort video clips and pictures demonstrating intonation, facial expression, perspective taking, and more. We love the practical scenes used (a restaurant, office, park, school), the ability to stop and start the quick clips to analyze them different ways, and the engaging content. Four of our favorite clinicians recommended this app on the same day, try it!

[Goals and Objectives](#). Her list of social skill websites and resources also has plenty of resources for SLPs, parents, and students.



Favorite Freebie from Teachers Pay Teachers

This quarter's favorite resource from TPT is created and available FREE from Sublime Speech. Who couldn't use a handout with [grade level speech and language expectations for teachers and parents](#)? Here you go!

Be sure to check out their other products as well – they are well thought out and very practical. Many of them are "no print" so you can use them on your devices.



**Annette Crotty & Louise Valente
We Hope to See You at CSHA!**

CSHA is coming soon-March 5th-8th in beautiful Long Beach! The speakers look remarkable. Online and [mail in registration closes February 19th.](#)

Watch for our Directors, Louise Valente and Annette Crotty. They will be spending time at Table Top 17-near Superduper in the table top area. Look for the orchid. We would love to chat with you about working with us in [Southern California Schools!](#)



Clinical Fellow Tips

Welcome to an AMAZING profession! Are you or your student getting ready to transition to the "real world?" We invite you to sign up for monthly information and

to do lists on moving from graduate school to your first job as a clinical fellow. Sample tips: What kind of resumes get noticed? How do I tell the goodCF placements from the substandard? Where on earth do I send all that paperwork? For answers to these and other questions, [email us](#) and let us know you would like our monthly CF tip sheets emailed to you. Supervisors are welcome to sign up too!



Jokes for Kids

We know your favorite part of our newsletter is the kid jokes, but did you know that you can get PCSS curated kid jokes on Twitter? Follow us [@PCSSinSoCal](#) for a morning kid joke. Here are three of our recent favorites.

What did the baby corn say to the Mama corn?

"Where's Pop corn?"

Somebody said you sounded like an owl.

Who?

What did the digital clock say to the grandfather clock?

Look Grandpa, no hands!

What did the football coach say to the broken vending machine?

"Give me my quarterback!"