

STOP SAYING "You are so smart"

AND START SAYING...

1. You tried really hard on that.
2. You never gave up, even when it was hard.
3. You have such a positive attitude.
4. You have really improved on _____.
5. What a creative solution to that problem!
6. You work very well with your classmates.
7. What a great friend you are!
8. I love how you took ownership of that!
9. That was a very responsible thing you did.
10. I like the way you are doing _____.
11. I admire the way you _____.
12. You really handled that situation well because _____.
13. It was brave of you to _____.
14. I love that you are always prepared for class.
15. You did a great job of helping _____ with her assignment.
16. You have taken great care of your desk/locker/book.
17. You remembered to bring _____ to class! Great job!
18. I know I can trust you because _____.
19. I can tell you studied very hard!
20. I appreciate how helpful you were when you _____.
21. You did a great job of participating today!
22. I could tell you worked well with your group because _____.
23. It is so nice that you value other people's opinions.
24. I can tell you tried your very best because _____.
25. You really encouraged your classmates today when you _____.
26. What a creative way to solve that problem!
27. You are not afraid of a challenge! I like that!
28. You thought of that all by yourself!
29. You remembered to _____ (specific skill)! Great thinking!
30. I am so proud that you made that choice.

