

S.T.A.C.K THINKING ROUTINE

This thinking routine is specifically designed for giving feedback.
Consider the following guidelines using the letters **S-T-A-C-K**

Specific

- Be detailed and specific
- Use examples or evidence to illustrate your points
- “I noticed...”

Timely

- Offer feedback promptly after observing the behaviour or work in question
- Consider the timing of feedback to maximize its impact on learning and development
- “When you...”

Actionable

- Clearly outline expectations and criteria for success to guide future actions
- Offer practical advice or strategies that the individual can implement
- “You might like to try...”

Connected

- Connect the feedback to learning objectives and desired outcomes
- Tailor feedback to the individual's needs, strengths, and areas for growth
- “This links well to...”

Kind

- Begin and end with appreciative and encouraging words.
- Highlight areas that were done well by listing examples or evidence to illustrate your points and make feedback more authentic and genuine
- “I really like how...”



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Here is an example of a feedback given to a Grade 2 student who was struggling to straighten her arms and legs during a PE lesson on making cartwheels.

I really like how you stayed positive and kept trying during the cartwheel lesson today.
I noticed that you were struggling a bit with straightening your arms and legs during the cartwheel.
When you attempt the cartwheel, your arms and legs need to be straight to help you maintain balance and control as you move.
You might like to try practicing your cartwheel slowly at first, focusing on keeping your arms and legs straight as you go through the motion. Begin with your arms up over your head, and keep them straight as you reach down to the ground. Then, make sure your legs are straight and point your toes as you lift them over your body.
This links well to our learning goal of developing coordination and flexibility, which will help you perform the cartwheel more smoothly.
Your effort and persistence today show that you're on the right track. Great job staying focused and eager to learn! Keep practicing, and you'll continue to improve.

Give it a try. Use the space below to formulate your feedback.



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