

Dialogs from *The Big Bang Theory*

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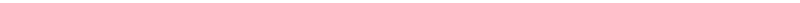
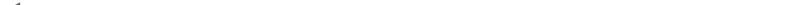

Instructions:

1. Here are three factors that affect how people give and respond to compliments in English:
 - **Status** (社会的な地位): *Low ↔ High*
 - **Distance** (心理的な距離): *Close ↔ Distant*
 - **Topic intensity** (ほめている内容): *Low risk ↔ High risk*
2. Go over important background information about each dialog.
3. With a partner; read each dialog aloud twice (once each way).
4. With your partner; analyze each dialog by marking an “X” on the scale of each factor. This will help you understand how they influence the giving and receiving of compliments in English.

Dialog 1:

Leonard and Alice are two young adults of about the same age. They meet by chance at a comic book store. Although they have never met, they are attracted to each other.

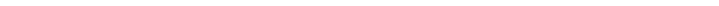
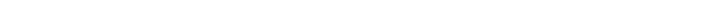
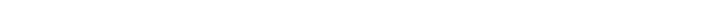
1. Alice: *I'm Alice.*
2. Leonard: *Leonard.*
3. Alice: *You're very cute, Leonard.*
4. Leonard: *Thanks. You, too.*

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Dialog 2:

Sheldon is a brilliant physicist who respects Dr. Stephen Hawking a great deal. Dr. Hawking is a world-famous scientist. Sheldon finally manages to meet his idol.

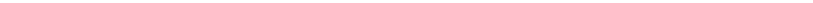
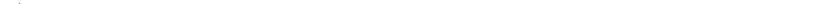
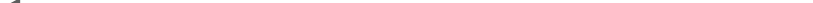
1. Hawking: *Your thesis that the Higgs Boson is a black hole accelerating backwards through time is fascinating.*
2. Sheldon: *Thank you. It just, it came to me one morning in the shower.*

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Dialog 3:

Leonard is having lunch with Alex, who is Sheldon's new female assistant. Leonard and Sheldon are best friends and roommates. Alex knows Leonard is a scientist. They are talking about his research.

1. Alex: So, what kind of research are you doing?
2. Leonard: High-energy lasers..
3. Alex: Ooo. Military?
4. Leonard: Not yet. But I can remove unwanted hair from two miles away.
5. Both: (Chuckling)
6. Alex: You're very funny, Dr. Hofstadter.
7. Leonard: Thank you.

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