Dialogs from *The Big Bang Theory*

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

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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Distance	***Close***	← →	***Distant***
Topic	***Low risk***	← →	***High risk***

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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