

## HO-22 Mini-Lesson: Feedback

Feedback means a reaction, an opinion, or advice from someone about something you've done, for example, a story you've written, an idea you've come up with, or your performance in a team sport. You ask for feedback so you can get ideas about how to improve whatever it is you're doing.



### Giving Feedback

1. Be careful about giving feedback when you haven't been asked to. Sometimes it might be appreciated, but sometimes it might not.
2. Start with the positive. Positive feedback encourages people and can inspire them to keep trying.
3. Make sure your criticism is constructive. Rather than saying, "I don't think your story was very good," tell exactly what you think the writer could do to improve it.
4. Offer your comments as suggestions. Use phrases such as, "You might want to try..." or "Have you thought about...?"

### Receiving Feedback

1. Ask for feedback from the right person. It should be someone you trust to be honest with you, and someone you think has the right knowledge or skills to be a good judge of what you're doing.
2. If you have specific areas of concern, make sure you mention them. For instance, "I'd like some feedback about my science project. Do you think I've included enough illustrations? Do you think the part about volcanoes is confusing?"
3. Don't get discouraged if the feedback isn't all positive. The main point in asking for feedback is to learn how to improve something.
4. If you don't agree with the feedback you receive, ask someone else for an opinion.
5. Remember to thank the person who gave you the feedback.