

PRAISE, ENCOURAGEMENT or *DISCOURAGEMENT*?

Read the statement to the left. In the middle column, put the letter of the type of statement you think it is. (“P” = Praise, “E” = Encouragement, “D” = Discouragement). If it’s not already *descriptive* “encouragement,” rewrite it so it is.

Is this statement...	P/E/D	If not Encouragement, rewrite it:
1. “You make me happy when you get good grades.”		
2. “I love you both the same.”		
3. “It was thoughtful of you to take turns.”		
4. “I spent the same amount on both of your birthday gifts.”		
5. “I know you can do better if you just try harder.”		
6. “I’m proud of you!”		
7. “I really appreciate your help.”		
8. “I like how you fixed your hair.”		
9. “I know you’ll learn something from this.”		
10. “You did a good job, but you missed this.”		
11. “Maybe when you are bigger you can help.”		
12. “Your room <i>finally</i> looks clean.”		
13. “I can tell you have improved.”		
14. “See what you can do if you try?”		
15. “You are such a good singer, you should sing a solo at school.”		
16. “You kept working on that homework until you were done. That’s persistence!”		
17. “Keep it up!”		
18. “Let’s race and see who can clean their room first!”		
19. “You cleaned your room even better than your brother.”		
20. “I trust your judgment.”		