

THANKING AND RESPONDING TO THANKS

B2-C1 | Conversation practice examples for expressing appreciation professionally

Conversation: After a mentoring session

Clara	Thank you for staying after the session. Your comments helped me see why my proposal wasn't clear.
David	I'm glad I could help. The idea is strong; the opening just needs to explain the problem sooner.
Clara	I've moved the customer example to the first slide. Would that address your concern?
David	Yes. Now the audience can see why the rest of the proposal matters.
Clara	I'm grateful for your advice. I was about to add more slides, which probably wouldn't have helped.
David	It's easy to do that when you know a topic well. Sometimes less background makes the argument stronger.
Clara	I'll rehearse this version tomorrow. I appreciate you being so specific.
David	It was my pleasure. Let me know how the presentation goes.

Key phrases: Thank you for / I'm glad I could help. / I'm grateful for / It was my pleasure.

Conversation: Finishing a museum visit

Guest	Many thanks for taking us behind the scenes. The conservation room was a real highlight.
Curator	You're most welcome. We don't often get visitors who ask such detailed questions.
Guest	Our students have been studying textile conservation. I appreciate the time you spent explaining the repairs.
Curator	They'd clearly prepared well. One of their questions gave me an idea for our next display.
Guest	I'm pleased to hear that. Could I send you some of their follow-up questions?
Curator	Of course. I'll pass any technical ones to our textile specialist.
Guest	That's very generous. We enjoyed meeting your team as much as seeing the collection.
Curator	The pleasure was mine. We'd be happy to welcome another group next term.

Key phrases: Many thanks for / You're most welcome. / I appreciate / The pleasure was mine.

Create your own conversation

Choose one prompt. Use at least two key phrases and include a natural response and follow-up.

Prompt 1: Thank a mentor for specific advice. Explain how you used it and discuss your next step.

Prompt 2: Thank a professional host after a visit. Mention a useful detail and request permission to follow up.