



Facilitator note: Fictional comparative praise only. Do not ask students to rank siblings, supply real achievement lists, or report relatives' remarks. Students may pass. Enjoying accurate praise is not condemned. The concern is attaching another person's unsupported failure to it.

Activity 1: The two halves

Order:

- A. Efrata adds a claim that her sister leaves things halfway.
- B. Mama separates accurate praise from unfair comparison.
- C. The aunt praises the page through a comparison.
- D. Efrata corrects the aunt's understanding.
- E. Her sister explains that leaving the page out would not repair the words.
- F. The page goes into the album with the maker's name.

Which words did Efrata add herself?

Activity 2: Work fact, choice fact, or unsupported habit?

Label W, C, or U.

- 1. Efrata works on the page for three afternoons.
- 2. The older sister chooses not to make an optional page.
- 3. The sister regularly fails to finish what she starts.
- 4. Bubby agrees which caption details may be included.
- 5. Efrata wants her work noticed.
- 6. Enjoying a compliment proves she means to hurt her sister.





For 5, name it as a stated wish rather than force it into a work fact. Why is that useful?

Activity 3: Praise without a person underneath it

Rewrite "At least one of you finishes what she starts" as two possible specific compliments about Efrata's actual work. Use caption checking, time, or drawing detail. Do not include a sister comparison, a permanent best-child label, or a prediction of every future success.

Activity 4: What the page cannot repair

Sort the actions into repairs the spoken claim, preserves real work, or invents a new comparison.

- Correct the unsupported halfway statement to the aunt.
- Keep the approved page in the album.
- Hide the drawing so nobody can admire it.
- List the sister's achievements to prove she is also worthy.
- Say the optional activity was not a broken promise.

Explain why hiding the page is not a repair of what was said.

Activity 5: The sister's choice

The family offers ten optional page-making invitations. Six people accept. Four decline, including the sister.

How many have agreed to make a page? How many have not? Does the invitation itself establish an unfinished job for the four? What would need to be different before a missing page counted as a missed promise?





Activity 6: A correction with no private replacement

Write Efrata's correction to the aunt. Include the sister's actual optional choice and Efrata's own responsibility for the habit claim. Do not supply the sister's private reason, request a new sibling ranking, or demand an enthusiastic response.

Activity 7: The page stands alone

Draw an object-only album page with the cupboard drawing, agreed caption, and maker's first name. Leave out good-child labels and comparisons. Caption what the name identifies and what it does not establish about anyone else's work or worth.

Activity 8: Find the words

Find eight words left to right. Rows and columns begin at 1.

P	R	A	I	S	E	Q	X	Z	Y
X	W	O	R	K	Q	R	S	Z	Y
F	A	C	T	Q	R	S	T	Z	Y
X	C	H	O	I	C	E	Q	Z	Y
P	A	G	E	Q	R	S	T	Z	Y
X	W	O	R	D	S	Q	R	Z	Y
N	A	M	E	Q	R	S	T	Z	Y
X	A	L	B	U	M	Q	R	Z	Y
Q	W	E	R	T	Y	U	I	O	P
Z	X	C	V	B	N	M	L	K	J

Words: PRAISE, WORK, FACT, CHOICE, PAGE, WORDS, NAME, ALBUM.





Explain why praising WORK does not require judging somebody else's CHOICE.

Teacher answer key

1. C, A, B, E, D, F. Efrata adds "She tends to leave things halfway." The aunt's original comparison is separate. Both matter; correcting Efrata's addition does not make her responsible for every remark her aunt makes.

2. 1 W; 2 C; 3 U; 4 W/permission fact; 5 stated wish outside the narrow labels; 6 U. Wanting recognition is not itself proof of a harmful plan. Her actual added claim creates a specific responsibility. An incomplete category system should not distort the narrative.

3. Open. Examples: "You checked which caption details Bubby wanted included"; "The drawing shows the cupboard's uneven side clearly." A compliment may name real effort or result without ranking sisters or promising future flawlessness.

4. Spoken repair: correct claim, state optional/no broken promise. Preserves work: keep approved page. Hiding page is not a spoken repair. Achievement list risks replacing one ranking contest with another; the sister does not need to earn respect with a counter-list. Her private reasons remain hers.





5. Six agreed, four did not. An invitation is not acceptance. A real promise to make a page and a missed agreed delivery would need to be established before describing a missed commitment. Even then, it would not prove an always/never character verdict.

6. Open. Example: "I said she leaves things halfway. That wasn't a fair account. She chose not to make an optional page and hadn't promised one. I wanted my work noticed, and I added a habit claim I couldn't support." No disclosure of a new reason or demand for flattering the sister.

7. Open. The name identifies the page maker. It does not rank either sister's dependability, worth, affection, or overall contribution to the family. Bubby's caption permissions remain separate from maker credit.

8. PRAISE row 1 columns 1-6; WORK row 2 columns 2-5; FACT row 3 columns 1-4; CHOICE row 4 columns 2-7; PAGE row 5 columns 1-4; WORDS row 6 columns 2-6; NAME row 7 columns 1-4; ALBUM row 8 columns 2-6. The finished work has its own observable detail and merit. Another person's optional decision need not become its contrast.

