How this activity supports learning

Students benefit from knowing what they have done well and how they can improve. This activity is designed to:

- reward students for what they are doing well in a specific area of their learning
- give them focused feedback on what they can do to improve their performance.

Classroom instructions

Use this activity when students have completed a task. For each student prepare the preferred sheet: Two stars and a wish or Medals and missions. Fill in the points under the heading ‘What were we trying to learn?’ Then write comments on what the student did well next to the stars/medals, and write specific tips for improvement in the wish/mission box. Hand the sheets out to the students.

Variations

It is worth keeping a separate record of students’ wishes/missions so that you can reward their successful completion with stars/medals in later lessons.

Once you have done this activity a few times, you can also involve learners more by asking them to make their own suggestions for improvements so they can take more responsibility for their progress.

For more on giving positive feedback, see page 20 of Effective feedback: www.oup.com/elt/expert
Two stars and a wish

Name: __________________________ Date: ____________
Task: ____________________________

What were we trying to learn?
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Stars

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Wish

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Name: __________________________ Date: ____________
Task: ____________________________

What were we trying to learn?
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Stars

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Wish

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Medals and missions

Name: ___________________________    Date: ________________

Task: ________________________________

What were we trying to learn?

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Medals

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Mission

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