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examples: Victoria is always quick to **compliment** others.

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Complement can be a verb meaning to complete something or bring it to fullness. Complement can also be a noun meaning a thing that completes something or brings it to perfection.

examples: Mr. and Mrs. Bohm **complement** each other very well.

The sweet, flaky crust is the perfect **complement** to the tart, crisp apples in Oma's pie.

Write the word **compliment** or **complement** in each blank to correctly complete the sentence.

1. Chelsea gave Emily a _____ on her new pair of shoes.



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6. The artist added some earthy green tones to _____ the rich reds in his oil painting.
7. My neighbor came over to _____ my blooming rose bushes.
8. Hiro's bright, colorful clothing seems to _____ his outgoing personality.
9. Thank you for the nice _____!
10. Miles' dad gave him a _____ on his good report card.

ANSWER KEY

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