Commenting Rules:

1. Be nice. No name-calling and insults.

2.  Keep on topic.  Don't write a comment that has little or nothing to do with the post.

3.  Opposing opinions are welcome, as long as they are respectful of the views of others.  If you disagree with the opinions of the author, express it politely.

4.  Avoid repeating yourself.  If many people have already said something, please don’t say it again.  Once you make a point, support it, but don't keep saying the same thing over, and over, and over.

5.  Don’t make comments like “Great post.” If you read it, say why it was great.  Add some­thing to the con­ver­sa­tion.   Add your own view, or thoughts to the topic.

6.  Write in complete sentences with correct grammar and spelling.

Give positive and constructive comments to your peers:

Say:

1. I like when you add interesting details in your first paragraph. It made the writing much more interesting.
2. You can improve your grammar because there are many mistakes in paragraph 2. You should be using the present tense instead of the past tense.
3. Edit your work for punctuations in your last paragraph as you are forgetting to write in your full stops.
4. You got a bit off topic. Next time try to stay on topic and remember your commas.
5. You could use less simple sentence in paragraph 2. Try to use conjunctions to combine your ideas: but, yet, or, so, even though, although…
6. You repeat yourself too often with the same adjectives. Try using a thesaurus or words such as…
7. Overall your work is great as you put lots of adjectives and details but you still need to improve your writing because you still have spelling mistakes.
8. I enjoyed your strong introduction; it really hooked me in.
9. Your conclusion is very thorough and does a good job summarizing your writing.
10. I like the way you use complex sentences and compound sentences. It made the writing flow smoothly.

Don’t say:

1. That’s cool.
2. Good work.
3. Nice.
4. Your work is bad.
5. That’s so lame/boring.
6. I agree with…