



Encouraging / Comforting

Key Structures

Encouraging:

Go on
Carry on, you're doing just fine
You're improving day by day
Keep up the good work

Comforting:

Don't worry, everything will be alright
Don't despair
Don't give up
Calm down
Come on, cheer up
Pull yourself together, mate
Things will look up, you mustn't give up hope

And now a dialogue between Josh and Eve

Your words are very comforting

Josh: I'd like to enter this cooking competition, but I don't think they'll take me.

Eve: I'm sure you could do it. I believe in you. You're improving day by day. Remember that success is 33 percent skill, 33 percent pain, 33 percent concentration, and 33 percent luck.

Josh: Thank you for encouraging me and for your support. Your words are very comforting, but are you 100 percent sure?

Every cloud has a silver lining

Eve: I still haven't been promoted.

Josh: Don't despair, my love. Don't let it get you down. Things will look up someday.

Eve: That's some encouragement. I haven't been promoted and won't be for at least one year.

Josh: You should look on the bright side of things. That means you and I will still be working in the same apartment. And who knows, one day you might get a pay raise. Just keep your fingers crossed. Don't give up. Pull yourself together.