

Careful--Don't Say:

1. "How many times do I have to tell you?"
2. "If I've told you once, I've told you 1,000 times."
3. "I told you so."
4. "Didn't I tell you not to..."
5. "You forgot again?"
6. "I think that it runs in your family."
7. "You look like I feel."
8. "This time you've outdone yourself."
9. "Who appointed you king?"
10. "You're off your rocker."
11. "Klutz!"
12. "You make no sense."
13. "Who cares what you think?"
14. "You don't match."
15. "You're impossible."
16. "You forgot to make supper again?"
17. "How can you live in this mess?"
18. "You keep on making the same mistake."
19. "Leave me alone!"
20. "You never.../You... always"
21. "Can't you take a joke?"
22. "I don't believe you."
23. "You blew it!"
24. "What's wrong with you?"
25. "What do you think you are doing?"
26. "Where are your brains?"
27. "What a nerd!"
28. "You really overpaid for this thing."
29. "Let me show you the right way to do it."
30. "I know that this is hard for someone like you, but..."

Instead, here is a small sampling of the kinds of words and phrases one should be using-- please feel free to liberally add to the list!

1. It's a privilege to know you.
2. You have a knack for doing the right thing.
3. I need your advice.
4. You really bought this at a good price.
5. Smart!
6. I'm impressed.
7. It looks so good on you.
8. You remind me of your father/mother.
9. I really appreciate your effort.
10. You do so many good things.

11. You are truly the right person to be around.
12. How do you find time to do all of this?
13. This is delicious.
14. Can I give you a bracha?
15. Can you give me a bracha?
16. What a wonderful idea.
17. You probably know the answer to this.
18. I know you're someone I can count on.
19. Beautiful!
20. My compliments to the chef.
21. You look like a million dollars.
22. Your parents did something right.
23. Some people really have their head on straight.
24. You did a great job.
25. What a chesed!
26. You have amazing taste.
27. You are so special.
28. You did this all by yourself?
29. I know that your word is your bond.
30. You're great!