comment

1 Verb + comment

Use the correct form of these verbs:

appreciate *apologise for* *have*
invite *made* *pass*

1. Do you ..... any comment on the situation, Mr President?
2. I entirely agree with the comments you ..... about the state of the underground system.
3. The council has ..... comments from residents about the plans for the new shopping centre.
4. The interviewer made some rather rude remarks to the Prime Minister's wife. He later publicly ..... his comments.
5. I would ..... any comments you might have on my work. All comments and suggestions will be gratefully received.
6. No one in the office has dared ..... comment on my new hair colour. I think they're all afraid to upset me!

2 Common adjective collocations

Complete the sentences below with the following:

nasty *fair* *further* *helpful*
last *sad* *passing* *sarcastic*

1. OK, you're right. That's ..... comment. I could have played better. I just wasn't on top form.
2. Everything my client has to say on this matter is contained in the press release. She has no ..... comment to make at this stage.
3. Your husband passed some very ..... comments about my wife's appearance at the party. I hope he will apologise.
4. I think Pete's ideas are important and they deserve more than a ..... comment.
5. My boss isn't nasty or unpleasant, but he has a habit of making slightly ..... comments about my accent. Why does he do this, I wonder?
6. My tutor made some very ..... comments on my essay – they were apt and to the point.
7. Ignore my ..... comment. I wasn't thinking properly!
8. Last night's programme about homeless people in our cities was a ..... comment on the current state of our society.

"No one dares comment on her new hair-do!"

Notes

1. You can also use 'welcome' in 1-5.
2. In 1-6 notice that you can 'pass comment', but in 1-2 you 'make a comment'.
3. In 2-3 you can also say 'derogatory comments'.
4. In 2-8 'comment' is used to mean a bad picture of something. You can also use 'telling':
   It's a telling comment on our society that some children still don't get enough to eat.
5. Note these *comment + verb* collocations:
   Her comments provoked an uncharacteristic outburst of anger from the Prime Minister.
   The manager's comments do not represent the views of many of us. I, for one, disagree strongly.
6. Note the following prepositional phrases:
   The minister at the centre of the scandal was unavailable for comment last night.
   I was surprised when she accepted his decision without comment.
7. Note how we tell people that we do not wish to talk about something:
   When asked if he was about to resign, the chairman replied 'No comment'.
8. Note the verbs we use to describe our reactions to comments:
   Her comments offended me deeply.
   I was secretly pleased by his comments.

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