



07 - VOCABULARY: PRAISING AND CRITICIZING



- 1 - When I told my family I wanted to be a professional musician, they **strongly disapproved of** the idea.
- 2 - I'd had a feeling that they would only **give their blessing** to a more "traditional" career track.
- 3 - I **countered their criticism** by pointing out that I'd rather follow my passion and enjoy my job than get rich working a job I hated.
- 4 - The only person who encouraged me was my aunt, who **thinks the world of me** and has always offered **enthusiastic support** for my hopes and dreams.
- 5 - My parents finally change their ideas when I gave my first concert in Carnegie Hall, to a **standing ovation**.
- 6 - The critics had given my show **positive reviews** describing it as **an outstanding performance**.
- 7 - After seeing me on stage, my parents **congratulated me warmly** 7 and apologized for the **the criticisms** they had made in the past.
- 8 - Later, I heard them **speaking highly of** my music to some of their friends. I had finally **won their approval**.