

Useful Expression

In today's scene, Ivan says, *And thank you for making my last trip to America so fun.*

A very useful way to thank people for a number of things is by saying "Thank you for" followed by a gerund phrase.

Examples

- Thank you for coming to my party.
- Thank you for bringing a dish.
- Thank you for helping me move into my apartment.
- Thank you for responding to my email so quickly.

Activity

With a partner, read the following scenarios and make thank you statements for each one.

1. You just went on a tour of Europe, and you had an incredible time. The travel agency that you used set everything up for you and made traveling completely stress-free and fun. This travel agency was recommended to you by a friend. **Write a thank you message to either your friend or the travel agency.**

Thank you for organizing such a wonderful tour. /... recommending that travel agency to me.

2. You are an elderly person, and you can't figure out how to use your new smartphone. One day, your granddaughter stops by to say hello. While she is visiting, she helps you install useful apps like Line, and she adjusts all the phone settings for you so that it is easy to read the messages and type on the phone's keyboard. **Write a thank you message to her.**

Thank you for setting up my phone.

3. You are a successful entrepreneur in your mid-fifties. When reflecting on your life, you realize that you owe it all to one of your college professors. That one professor always encouraged you to take chances and follow your passion. Without that professor, you probably never would have had the courage to start your first business. **Write a thank you message to that professor.**

Thank you for giving me the courage to start my first business.

4. It is a cold, grey day. Your next-door neighbor suddenly pays you a visit. He has a large pot of freshly cooked chili for you, which he knows is something you like. He explains that he has been cooking all morning and has more chili than he knows what to do with. That night, you are very happy because the chili is really good and also because you didn't feel like cooking. **Write your neighbor a thank you message.**

Thank you for making me chili.

5. **Write an original thank you message to someone in your life for something that he/she did for you.**

Thank you for letting me leave work early today.