

Mistakes Are...

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D

Decreasing

"Look how far you've come."

"Things will get easier as you continue to practice."

E

Expected

"That's why pencils have erasers."

"Everybody makes mistakes."

"Nobody's perfect."

L

Learning Opportunities

"Success means any forward progress."

"What can you learn from this experience?"

"The only difference between a stumbling block and a stepping stone is how you use it."

I

Incompletions

"You didn't run out of talent, you just ran out of time."

"You're just not done with this yet."

"Let's work on this again later."

C

Caused

"Let's see what's giving you the trouble here."

"Every mistake has a cause."

A

Accidental

"You can't do a mistake on purpose."

"All mistakes are accidents."

T

Temporary

"You're just not ready for this right now."

"Maybe you can do better later."

E

Effort Indications

"Mistakes prove you're trying."

"Mistakes are benchmarks on the path of effort."