

Help Understanding:

- Could you repeat your idea?
- I don't understand what you mean by ____.
- Could you give an example of what you mean by ____?
- I'm not sure I understand your question. Could you rephrase your question?
- Could you explain ____ further?
- When you say ____, it seems like you're implying _____. Is that what you mean?

Evidence to Support View:

- What would be an example of ____?
- If ____ is true, why would ____ happen?
- What effect would ____ have?
- Is there an alternative?
- How would ____ apply in this case?
- What information would support what ____ (name) is saying?

Higher Level Questions:

- Does this connect to ____ that we already learned?
- What would happen if ____?
- Is there another way to describe ____?
- How are ____ and ____ similar [different]?
- Is ____ important to ____? Why [Why not]?
- If ____ and ____ are true, then what else must also be true?

Changing the Subject:

- Have we exhausted the topic of ____? Is it okay if we move on to ____?
- Does anyone have any final comments to add about ____ before we move on to ____?

Building on Others' Ideas:

- My idea builds on ____'s idea. I ____.
- I would like to share an example of ____'s idea about ____.
- I thought about that also and I'm wondering why ____?
- I hadn't thought about that. Do you think ____?

Agreeing and Disagreeing

- I agree with ___ (name) because ___.
- I don't agree with ___ (name) because ___.
- That's a valid point, but does it apply to ___?
- I would like to answer the objection that ___ (name) has raised.

Making Assumptions:

- You seem to be assuming ____. Is that correct?
- What might someone who believed ___ have to assume?
- Is there an important assumption necessary to support this idea?

Inviting Others to Join the Dialogue:

- ___ (name), what do you think?
- Does anyone agree/disagree?
- Who has another idea/question?
- Can someone else give evidence to support that idea?

Expressing your Opinion:

- We've previously discussed that ___.
- We have read that ___.
- In my opinion ___.
- I've observed that ___ when ___.
- To me without evidence, it seems easier to believe ___.
- While I can see why you believe ____, I see this differently. In my opinion ___.