

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 _____.