

## Discussion Sentence Starters

<b>Expressing an Opinion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I think...</li> <li>• I believe...</li> <li>• In my opinion...</li> <li>• It seems to me that...</li> <li>• Not everyone will agree with me, but...</li> </ul>	<b>Adding Information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On page #, in paragraph #...</li> <li>• Another example to support that idea is...</li> <li>• I agree with .... And also want to add...</li> <li>• I also think that...</li> </ul>	<b>Politely Disagreeing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I don't quite agree with your point about...because...</li> <li>• I have another way of looking at this...</li> <li>• I agree with your idea, but I was thinking more along the lines of...</li> <li>• I understand what you're saying, but I think it has a deeper/different meaning...</li> <li>• Could I suggest a different idea?</li> <li>• Why don't we get back to the main issue/our focus...?</li> </ul>	<b>Asking for Clarification</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have a question about...</li> <li>• I was confused about...</li> <li>• I wasn't sure about what happened here...</li> <li>• What do you think about...?</li> <li>• Are you saying...?</li> <li>• Could you please               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ repeat that?</li> <li>○ explain what ____means?</li> <li>○ give me an example?</li> <li>○ say more about that?</li> <li>○ explain that in another way?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Paraphrasing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If I understand you correctly, you think...</li> <li>• Let me see if I got this right. You are saying...</li> <li>• What I'm hearing you say is...</li> <li>• We've been talking about...</li> <li>• Most of us seem to agree that....</li> </ul>	<b>Offering a Suggestion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What if we...?</li> <li>• Maybe we could...</li> <li>• Here's something we might think about...</li> </ul>	<b>Complimenting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I like the way you...</li> <li>• This will be helpful to me, because...</li> <li>• Now I understand better because...</li> <li>• Thank you for explaining.</li> </ul>	