

Things to Say when Your Idea has been Shared

- ❖ My idea is similar to _____'s idea. In other words...
- ❖ My idea is similar to _____'s idea. I would like to add ...
- ❖ Like _____, I believe that ...
- ❖ I agree with _____ that ...

Things to Say when You Don't Understand

- ❖ Will you please repeat that?
- ❖ Will you please explain that again?
- ❖ Would you mind going over that a little more slowly?
- ❖ Can you explain that another way?
- ❖ In other words, you are saying...
- ❖ It seems to me that what you are saying is ... Am I correct?

Language for Reporting Out

After discussing the problem:

- ❖ We have *agreed* that...
- ❖ We have *decided* that...
- ❖ We have *determined* that...
- ❖ We have *concluded* that...
- ❖ We have not reached a final conclusion. So far we have agreed on...
- ❖ Some people in our group believe ... while others believe...

Language for Asking for Help

Complete all of the following sentences:

I am having difficulty with _____. The problem gives me the following information: _____, _____, ... and asks me to ... So far I have tried... In order to help me solve this problem could you please ... ?

Small Group Participation Structures

❖ Pair Share

Evens to odds. Odds listen, share one thing you agree with and add something new. Switch if time permits.

❖ Around the Group

Person x tell the group ... Group listens. Person x+1 repeats (and adds as necessary)...

Teaching Academic Verbs

- ❖ Say the word
- ❖ Have students repeat in unison
- ❖ Ask what the verb means
- ❖ Read sentence frames
- ❖ Volunteers read examples
- ❖ Elaborate as needed

Things to Say when you Disagree

- ❖ Unlike _____, I believe that...
- ❖ I disagree with _____, because...
- ❖ Our (my) idea is different than _____'s. I believe...