

Sentence Starters

Asking for Clarification

What do you mean by . . . ?

Will you explain that again?

I have a question about . . .

Expressing Ideas/ Opinions

In my opinion . . .

I think/believe that . . .

My idea is that . . .

It seems to me that . . .

Soliciting a Response/ Partner Responding

My idea is similar to yours. I also think that . . .

What do you think? Do you agree?

I wonder . . .

I would like to find out more about . . .

Reporting a Partner/ Group Idea

_____ indicated that . . .

_____ pointed out that . . .

_____ concluded that . . .

We agreed that _____, because . . .

One important idea we discussed is . . .

Our group sees it differently . . .

Agreeing

I agree with _____ that . . .

My idea is similar to _____'s idea.
I think that . . .

My idea builds on _____'s idea.
I would like to add that . . .

That's an interesting idea. I hadn't thought of that before.

Disagreeing

My idea is different from _____'s idea. I think that . . .

I don't completely agree with _____.
In my opinion . . .

I have a different perspective from _____. I believe that . . .

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Comparing Ideas

My idea is similar to _____'s idea
because . . .

My idea builds on _____'s idea
because . . .

From our class discussion, I learned
that . . .

Offering a Suggestion

Maybe we could . . .

What if we . . .

Here's something we might try . . .

Summarizing Ideas

So you are saying that . . .

In other words, you think . . .

What I hear you saying is . . .

Text Analysis

According to the article, . . .

I discovered from _____ that . . .

The author seems to be saying
that . . .

The main idea of this text is . . .

A detail that supports this idea is . . .

Based on my experience, . . .

I noticed in paragraph _____ that . . .

