

Talk Moves

Strategies for facilitating discussion

Getting started with Talk Moves:



Contribute an Idea

I think that...

It seems to me that...

It says that...

I wonder if...

Some people think that...

I'm not sure that this is important, but...



Build on an Idea

I would add that...

I want to say more about...

In addition...

As well...

Building on what ___ just said, I would like to add...



Support an Idea

For example...

In the text, it says that...

In fact,...

I wonder if...

Some people think that...

That's true because...

I would like to add...



Challenge an Idea

How does that relate to our discussion?

What makes that a good example?

Would we all agree with that?

Can you give me an example?

What do you mean by that?

However...

Going Deeper with Talk Moves:



Focus the Conversation

We're talking about...

This is similar to...

We're not talking about...but we are considering...

I think this means that...

I think it's important to include...

In other words...



Monitor Focus and Understanding

What do we know so far?

So you're saying...

I think what you mean is...

I'm a little confused about...

How can we bring this back to the question of...

Can you explain that to me?



Synthesize the Conversation

Let's review what we've said so far...

Would someone like to tell us the main points?

The big idea coming out of this conversation is...

The main point seems to be...

As a result of this discussion we should...

From all that we've said, we can conclude that...