

Academic Phrases

Expressing an Opinion	Acknowledging Ideas/Agreeing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think/believe that... • It seems to me that.... • In my opinion... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My idea is similar to/related to _____'s idea. • I agree with _____ because.... • My idea builds upon _____'s idea.
Predicting	Individual Reporting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I predict that.... • Based on..., I infer that... • I hypothesize that... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on my evidence, I think... • _____pointed out to me that... • I want to add to what _____said about...
Asking for Clarification	Partner and Group Reporting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you mean by...? • Will you explain that again? • I still have a question about... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We decided/agreed that... • We concluded that... • Our group sees it differently/had a different approach.
Paraphrasing	Disagreeing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So you are saying that... • In other words, you think... • What I hear you saying is... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I disagree with that because... • I got a different answer. • I see it another way.
Soliciting a Response	Offering a Suggestion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are your thoughts? • Do you agree? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maybe we could... • What if we...
Holding the Floor	Affirming
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As I was saying...If I could finish my thought... • What I was trying to say... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That's an interesting idea. • I hadn't thought of that. • I see what you mean.

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