

MLR 8: Discussion Supports



Language Function:

Describe

- It looks like...
- I notice that...
- I wonder if...
- Let's try...
- A quantity that varies is _____.
- What do you notice?
- What other details are important?

Explain

- First, I _____ because...
- Then/Next, I...
- I noticed _____ so I...
- I tried _____ and what happened was...
- How did you get...?
- How do you know...?
- Can you give an example?

Justify

- I know _____ because...
- I predict _____ because...
- If _____ then _____ because...
- Why did you...?
- How do you know...?
- Can you give an example?

Generalize

- _____ reminds me of _____ because...
- _____ will always _____ because...
- _____ will never _____ because...
- Is it always true that...?
- Is _____ a special case?

Critique

- That could/couldn't be true because...
- This method works/doesn't work because...
- We can agree that...
- _____'s idea reminds me of...
- Another strategy would be _____ because...
- Is there another way to say/do...?

Compare and Contrast

- Both _____ and _____ are alike because...
- _____ and _____ are different because...
- One thing that is the same is...
- One thing that is different is...
- How are _____ and _____ different?
- What do _____ and _____ have in common?

Represent

- _____ represents _____.
- _____ stands for _____.
- Another way to show _____ is...
- How else could we show this?

Interpret

- We are trying to...
- We will need to know...
- We already know...
- It looks like _____ represents...
- Another way to look at it is...
- What does this part of _____ mean?
- Where does _____ show...?