

## Discussion Strategies

### Sharing your idea

"I noticed..."

"First I... because..."

"This reminds me of..."

### Clarifying

"What did you mean when you said...?"

"Why did you...?"

"Is it your position that...?"

"I'm confused when you say **Z**, can you elaborate?"

### Agreeing

"I agree with Y because ..."

"Z's point about X was important because..."

"The evidence for Z is overwhelming when you consider that..."

"X and I are coming from the same position."

"Despite disagreeing about Y, I agree with Z that..."

### Building on

"Y mentioned that..."

"Yes, and furthermore..."

"Adding to what X said..."

"If we change X's position just a little, we can see that..."

### Disagreeing/Challenging

"I see it differently because..."

"The evidence I've seen suggests something different..."

"Some of that is fact, but some of that is opinion as well."

"I agree that Y, but we also have to consider..."

### Summarizing/Paraphrasing

"What we've figured out so far is..."

"It seems we agree that \_\_\_\_\_ because..."

"Overall, what I'm trying to say is..."

"More than anything else, I believe that..."

"I hear you saying that..."

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| "We see Z differently." | "Put another way, you're saying that..." |
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**Discussion Expectations:**

1. Speak so others can hear me (at least once!)
2. Show others I am listening/ build a safe space to share ideas (always)
3. Provide specific examples and evidence to support my claim (every time)
4. Use one of the sentence starters to begin my comment (at least once)

**Discussion Reflection: BOLD or highlight your answers below.**

**1. Did I... Speak so others could hear me?**

Did it more than once      Did it once      Did not do it

**2. Did I... Show speakers I was listening/ Build a safe space to share ideas? This means:**

● **Wasn't on my phone**

No phone at all! ☺      Had phone out a few times      Used my phone a lot ☹

● **Looked at speakers when they shared ideas**

Did it most of the time      Did it sometimes      Didn't really do it

● **Had my headphones out so people could tell I cared what they had to say**

My ears were free      Headphones were on sometimes      In the whole time

● **Disagreed or challenged respectfully**

Did it more than once      Did it once      Did not do it

**3. Did I... Provide specific examples to support my claims?**

Every time      Some of the time      Never

**4. Did I... Use the sentence starters?**

Every time      At least once      Never

**5. What is one thing you did not get to say in the discussion? If you said everything you wanted to, please explain one thing someone else said that you really agreed with. Tell why.**

**6. Are you pleased with your participation in the discussion? Circle your response and explain your answer below.**

very pleased

somewhat pleased

a little pleased

not at all pleased

**Explain your answer to #6:**