

Collaborative Language Frames

Acknowledging Ideas (& Agreeing) • My idea is similar to/related to yours. Let me tell you about it. • I agree with you that... • My idea builds upon _____'s idea in that... Building or Adding On • To build/add on to what you said... • In addition to that... • I also think...because... Soliciting a Response • What do you think? • Tell us more about that. • What can we add to that? • We haven't heard from you yet. • Do you agree? Why? • What answer did you get? How? Disagreeing • I don't agree with your idea because... • My answer is different. Let me share with you. • I see it another way. Let me share with you. Affirming • That's an interesting idea because... • When you said...I hadn't thought of that. • I see what you mean by... Clarification • What do you mean? • Will you explain that again? • What I hear you saying is... • Say more about...	Ask for Help • I don't understand this part... • I need help. • I need more time to think about... Offering a Suggestion • Maybe we/you could... • What if we/you... • Here's something we/you might try... Paraphrasing • I heard you say... • So you are saying that... • In other words, you think... • What I hear you saying is...and that made me think about... Predicting • I predict/imagine that... Does anyone else think so? • Based on...I infer that... Does anyone else think so? • I hypothesize that... Would anyone like to add to that? Expressing an Opinion • I think/believe that... What do you think about that? • In my opinion... Would anyone like to add to that? • Based on my experience, I think... Does anyone want to add to that? To Continue My Idea • To continue my idea... What do you all think about that? • If I could finish my thought... Would anyone like to add to that? • What I was trying to say was... Does that make sense?
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