



Discussion Stems

DIRECTIONS: Choose from the discussion stems below as you participate in the conversation.

Expressing an Opinion

- I think/believe that ____
- It's my understanding that ____
- It seems to me that ____
- In my opinion, ____
- What I have always heard is ____
- Some people think ____

Asking for Clarification

- Can you explain that again?
- How did you figure that out?
- I don't understand ____
- What do you mean?
- I have a question about that.
- How do you know that?

Predicting

- I guess that ____
- I predict that ____
- I imagine that ____
- Based on that, I infer ____
- So that means ____
- Then I hypothesize that ____

Paraphrasing

- So you are saying ____
- What you mean, then, is ____
- In other words, ____
- So you're thinking that ____
- What I am hearing is ____
- Another way to say that is ____