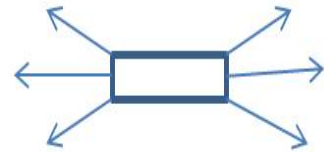


Academic Conversation Placemat with Prompts

Conversation Skills Elaborate and Clarify



Prompting

Can you elaborate on ...?
 What do you mean by ...?
 Can you tell me more about ...?
 What makes you think that?
 Can you clarify the part about ...?
 Can you be more specific?
 How so?
 How/Why is that important?
 I'd love to hear more about ...
 How does that connect to ...?
 I wonder if ...
 How so?
 Can you unpack that for me?
 I am a little confused about the part ...

Responding

I think it means that ...
 In other words ...
 I believe that ...
 An analogy for this might be ...
 It is important because ...
 It's similar to when ...

Conversation Skills Support Ideas with Examples (from this text, other texts, the world, and life)



Prompting

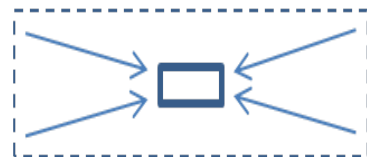
Can you give an example from the text?
 Can you show me where it says that?
 What are some examples from other texts?
 What is a real-world example?
 What is an example from your life?
 Are there any cases of that?
 What is the evidence for that ...?
 Like what?
 Why do you say that?
 How do you justify that?
 What does that look like?
 Such as?
 What would illustrate that?
 Why is that a good example?

Responding

For example ...
 In the text is said that ...
 One case showed that ...
 An example from my life is ...
 For instance, ...
 According to ...
 An illustration of this could be ...
 On one occasion ...
 In this situation ...
 To demonstrate, ...
 In fact, ...
 Indeed, ...
 ... such as ...
 Have you ever ...?

Key question,
 main idea,
 theme, topic

Conversation Skills Paraphrase



Prompting

I'm not sure that was clear ...
 I can't remember all that I said.
 How can we relate what I said to the topic/question?
 What do we know so far?
 What is your take on what I said
 I don't know. Did that make sense?
 What are you hearing

Responding

So, you are saying that ...
 Let me see if I understand you ...
 Am I right in hearing you say that ...?
 In a nutshell, you are arguing that ...
 In other words...
 What I am hearing is ...
 Essentially you think that
 It sounds like you are saying that ...

Conversation Skills Build On and/or Challenge a Partner's Idea



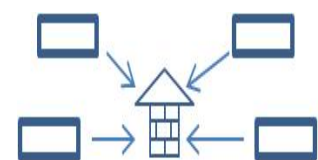
Prompting

What do you think about the idea that ...?
 Can you add to this idea ...?
 Do you agree?
 What might be other points of view?
 What are other ideas?
 How does that connect to the idea ...?
 I am not sure if this is relevant, but ...
 How can we bring this back to the question of ...?

Responding

I would add that
 I want to expand on you point about ...
 I want to follow up on your idea ...
 (To challenge)
 Then again, I think that ...
 Another way to look at ths could be ...
 Yet I wonder also if ...
 If _____, then _____
 What struck me about what you said it ...

Conversation Skills Synthesize Conversation Points



Prompting

What have we discussed so far?
 How should we synthesize what we talked about?
 How can we bring this all together?
 What can we agree upon?
 What main points can we share?
 What was our original question?
 What key idea can we take away?

Responding

We can say that ...
 The main theme/point seems to be ...
 As a result of this conversation, we think that we should ...
 How does this sound ...?
 What if we ...?
 The evidence seems to suggest that ...