



Academic Discourse

What Do I Say?
How Do I Say It?

1. Individual reporting

I discovered from ___ that ...
I found out from ___ that ...
I observed/concluded that ...
___ pointed out to me that ...
___ shared with me that ...
___ mentioned that ...
___ reminded me that ...

2. Group & Partner Reporting

We decided that ...
We agreed that ...
We concluded that ...
Our group approached this question by...

3. Agreement

My idea is similar to ___'s idea ...
My idea is related to ___' idea ...
I agree with ___ that ...
My idea builds upon ___'s idea ...
I would like to add to ___'s point by saying ...
I agree with ___'s perspective because ...
As ___ already pointed out ...
___ makes a valid point because ...

4. Disagreement

I don't entirely agree with ___ because ...
I came to a different answer than you because ...
I see it another way. Let me explain ...
My idea is slightly different than ___'s

5. Personal Opinion

I believe that ...
It seems to me that ...
In my opinion ...

6. Prediction

Based on the evidence, I predict ...
I hypothesize that ...
This leads me to believe that ...

7. Clarification

What do you mean ?
Will you explain that again?
I have a question about that.
I don't quite understand.
What do you mean by ___?
Can you explain that another way?
Can you give me another example of ___?

8. Affirming

That's an interesting idea.
I hadn't thought of that.
I see what you mean.
I understand what you are saying.
That is a valid point you are making.

9. Recall & Remember

Tell me about the _____.
What does ___ look like?
What do you know about?

10. Skills & Concepts

Tell me about your _____.
Can you show me how to _____.
Maybe we could _____?

11. Strategic & Thinking

What is different?
How are they the same/different?
How did you organize _____?
The differences are _____ and _____.

12. Justification

I think _____.
I feel _____.
_____ could not have happened, because _____.
The problem was that _____ the _____.

13. Creating/Extended & Thinking

Yes/No I can/cannot _____.
There are many ways I can _____.
_____ can be used for _____.

