

## Academic Discussion Sentence Starters:

<p><b>Expressing an Opinion</b></p> <p>I think/believe that . . .</p> <p>It seems to me that . . .</p> <p>In my opinion . . .</p> <p>I disagree with.....because.....</p>	<p><b>Reporting a Partner's Idea</b></p> <p>_____ indicated that . . .</p> <p>_____ clarified that . . .</p> <p>_____ pointed out to me that . . .</p> <p>_____ emphasized that...</p>
<p><b>Acknowledging Ideas</b></p> <p>My idea is similar to/related to ____'s idea.</p> <p>I agree with (a person) that . . .</p> <p>My idea builds upon ____'s idea because . . .</p>	<p><b>Partner and Group Reporting</b></p> <p>We decided/agreed that . . .</p> <p>We concluded that . . .</p> <p>Our group sees it differently. . .</p> <p>We had a different approach. . .</p>
<p><b>Asking for Clarification</b></p> <p>What do you mean?</p> <p>Will you explain that again?</p> <p>I have a question about that.</p>	<p><b>Paraphrasing</b></p> <p>So you are saying that . . .</p> <p>In other words, you think . . .</p> <p>What I hear you saying is . . .</p>
<p><b>Soliciting a Response</b></p> <p>What do you think?</p> <p>We haven't heard from you yet. Do you agree?</p> <p>What answer did you get?</p>	<p><b>Predicting</b></p> <p>I guess/predict/imagine that . . .</p> <p>Based on . . ., I infer that . . .</p>

Adapted from Kate Kinsella