

Creating a Language-Rich Environment with Academic Language Scripts

Requesting Assistance

- Could you please help me?
- I'm having trouble with this. Would you mind helping me?
- Could you please show me how to do/write/draw/pronounce/solve. . . ?

Interrupting

- Excuse me, but. . . (I don't understand.)
- Sorry for interrupting, but. . . (I missed what you said.)
- May I interrupt for a moment?
- May I add something here?

Asking for Clarification

- Could you repeat that?
- Could you give me an example of that?
- I have a question about that: . . . ?
- Could you please explain what _____ means?
- Would you mind repeating that?
- I'm not sure I understood _____. Could you please give us another example?
- So, do you mean. . . ?

Probing for Higher Level Thinking

- What examples do you have of. . . ?
- Where in the text can we find. . . ?
- I understand _____, but I wonder about. . .
- How does this idea connect to. . . ?
- If _____ is true, then. . . ?
- What would happen if. . . ?
- Do you agree or disagree with his/her statement? Why?
- What is another way to look at it?
- How are _____ and _____ similar?
- Why is _____ important?
- How do you know that? Can you give an example?
- Is there another way to look at this?

Expressing an Opinion

- I think/believe/predict/imagine that. . . .
- In my opinion. . . .
- It seems to me that. . . .
- Not everyone will agree with me, but. . . .

Building on What Others Say

- I agree with what _____ said because. . . .
- You bring up an interesting point, and I also think. . . .
- That's an interesting idea. I wonder. . . ? I think. . . . Do you think. . . ?
- I thought about that also, and I'm wondering why?
- I hadn't thought of that before. You make me wonder if. . . ? Do you think. . . ?
- _____ said that. . . . I agree and also think. . . .
- Based on the ideas from _____, _____, and _____, it seems like we all think that. . . ."
- That's an excellent point, and I would add. . . .

Soliciting a Response

- Do you agree?
- _____ (name), what do you think?
- Can someone else ask a question or offer an opinion?
- _____ (name), what did you understand from that answer?

Disagreeing

- I don't really agree with you because. . . .
- I see it another way. I think. . . .
- My idea is slightly different from yours. I believe that _____ I think that. . . .
- I have a different answer than you. . . .

Offering a Suggestion

- Maybe you/we could. . . .
- Here's something you/we might try:. . . .
- What if you/we. . . ?

Classroom Reporting

- _____ (name) explained to me that. . . .
- _____ (name) pointed out that. . . .
- _____ (name) mentioned that. . . .
- _____ (name) shared with me that. . . .
- _____ (name) brought to my attention that. . . .
- _____ (name) pointed out something (interesting/intriguing/surprising);. . . .