



Talk Tactics

Talk tactics encourage students to think strategically about their contributions to group talk



Instigate

Present an idea or open up a new line of enquiry

Start by saying:

- I would like to start by saying...
- I think....
- We haven't yet talked about...

Instigate



Probe

Dig deeper, ask for evidence or justification of ideas

Start by saying:

- Why do you think...?
- What evidence do you have to support X idea?
- Could you provide an example?

Probe



Challenge

Disagree or present an alternative argument

Start by saying:

- I disagree because...
- To challenge you X, I think...
- I understand your point of view, but have you thought about...?

Challenge



Clarify

Asking questions to make things clearer and check your understanding

Start by saying:

- So are you saying...?
- Does that mean...?
- Can you clarify what you mean by?

Clarify



Summarise

Identify and recap the main ideas

Start by saying:

- So far we have talked about...
- The main points raised today were...
- Our discussion focused on...

Summarise



Build

Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea.

Start by saying:

- Building on X's idea...
- I agree and would like to add...
- X's idea made me think...

Build