

Language for Attentive Listening during Academic Interactions

Design lessons with opportunities for students to exchange ideas with assigned partners and other classmates during unified-class discussions. Integrate concrete listening tasks and specify appropriate language tools to maximize engagement and build academic discourse skills.

<p style="text-align: center;">Compare Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My idea is a lot like <i>(Name's)</i>. • My response is similar to <i>(Name's)</i>. • My idea is quite similar to <i>(Name's)</i>. • My response is comparable to <i>(Name's)</i>. • <i>(Name)</i> and I have similar understandings. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Contrast Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My idea is different from <i>(Name's)</i>. • My idea is quite different from <i>(Name's)</i>. • I have a different (approach, interpretation). • My response is not at all like <i>(Name's)</i>. • <i>(Name)</i> and I have different understandings.
<p style="text-align: center;">Restate Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So, you think that __. • So, your <i>(idea, opinion, example)</i> is that __. • So, you're suggesting that __. • Yes, that's <i>(right, correct)</i>. • No, not exactly. What I <i>(said, meant)</i> was __. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Build Upon Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My idea builds upon <i>(Name's)</i>. • I appreciate <i>(Name's)</i> perspective, and I would add that __. • That is a point well taken; however, I would point out that __.
<p style="text-align: center;">Agree with Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I agree with <i>(Name)</i> that __. • I completely agree with <i>(Name's)</i> idea. • I share your perspective. • My <i>(response, experience)</i> is comparable. • A point well taken. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Disagree with Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I don't quite agree. • I don't entirely agree with <i>(Name's)</i> idea. • I have a completely different opinion on __. • I see what you're saying, but I think __. • I respectfully disagree.
<p style="text-align: center;">Paraphrase Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In other words, you think that __. • In other words, you're suggesting that __. • So what you're saying is that __. • So __, if I understand you correctly, you <i>(think, suggest, propose, maintain)</i> __. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Affirm Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That makes sense. • I see what you are saying. • That's a great <i>(idea, suggestion, solution)</i>. • That would work. • I completely understand.
<p style="text-align: center;">Clarify Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I don't quite understand your idea. • I'm not certain I understand your position. • I have a question about __. • What exactly do you mean by __? • Can you explain what you mean by __? 	<p style="text-align: center;">Report a Partner/Team's Idea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My partner __ pointed out that __. • My partner __ indicated that __. • According to <i>(Name)</i>, __. • We <i>(decided, concluded, determined)</i> that __. • Our <i>(response, reason, opinion)</i> is that __.