# Language for Academic Discussions

## 1. Stating Opinions
- I think __ because __.
- I (firmly, strongly) believe __.
- In my opinion, __.
- From my perspective, __.
- I am convinced __.
- My opinion on this (topic, issue) is __.

## 2. Supporting / Elaborating
- For (example, instance), __.
- A relevant example I (heard, read) was __.
- One (possible, convincing) reason is __.
- A (key, major) reason is __.
- A (recent, prior, relevant) experience I had was __.
- I experienced this when __.

## 3. Providing Evidence
- After hearing __, I am convinced __.
- The data on __ suggests __.
- After reading __, I conclude that __.
- After reviewing __, I assume that __.
- Drawing from experience, I know that __.
- Based on experience, it seems evident that __.

## 4. Comparing / Contrasting
- My (idea, response) __ is similar to (Name’s) __.
- My (opinion, perspective) __ is similar to (Name’s) __.
- My response is similar to that of my classmates.
- My response is different from (Name’s) __.
- My (approach, perspective) __ is different from (Name’s) __.
- My (analysis, conclusion, solution) __ is different from (Name’s) __.

## 5. Agreeing / Disagreeing
- I completely agree with (Name) __ that __.
- I share your perspective.
- A point well taken.
- My (point of view, perspective) is comparable.
- I don’t (quite, entirely) __ agree.
- I disagree (somewhat, completely) __.
- I have a different perspective on this (topic, issue) __.

## 6. Building Upon
- My idea builds upon (Name’s) __.
- I see where (Name) __ is coming from, but I also think that __.
- I appreciate (Name’s) __ perspective, and I would add that __.
- My (experience, interpretation, response) __ is comparable, but I would add that __.
- That is a point well taken; however, I would point out that __.

## 7. Reporting
- We (decided, concluded, determined) __ that __ because __.
- One (fact, reason, piece of evidence) __ we considered is __.
- Our (point of view, response, conclusion) __ is that __.
- After reviewing __, we (determined, concluded) __ that __.
- We came up with a (similar, different) __ response.

## 8. Listening Attentively
- The (idea/example) __ I (added, recorded) __ was __.
- I (appreciated, related) __ to (Name’s) __ (example/experience) __.
- The most convincing reason I heard was __.
- The strongest (argument/evidence) __ offered was __.
- The contribution I (appreciated, added, selected) __ was __.