



DISCUSSION SENTENCE STEM



DESK MAT

1. SHARE YOUR THINKING



- I think that...
- In my opinion...
- My idea is...
- From my perspective...
- I believe...

2. BUILD ON OTHERS



- I agree because...
- I'd like to add...
- Building on that...
- That connects to...
- I also noticed...

3. CHALLENGE IDEAS



- I'm not sure I agree because...
- Another way to think about it is...
- Could it also mean that...
- What if...
- I wonder if...

4. ASK QUESTIONS



- Can you explain...?
- What do you mean by...?
- Why do you think...?
- How does...?
- Can you give an example...?

5. SUMMARISE & CLARIFY



- So, what I'm hearing is...
- To sum up...
- In other words...
- The main point is...
- Let me check I understand...

OUR DISCUSSION FOCUS



KEY IDEAS

List or note important ideas from our discussion.



EVIDENCE & EXAMPLES

Quotes, facts or examples that support our ideas.



NEW QUESTIONS

Questions we still have or want to explore further.



DISCUSSION NORMS

- ✓ Listen actively
- ✓ Respect different ideas
- ✓ Build on, don't shut down
- ✓ Explain your thinking
- ✓ Stay on topic



USEFUL CONNECTIVES

Furthermore,
Moreover,
In addition,
Also,

However,
Although,
On the other hand,
In contrast,

For example,
For instance,
Such as,
To illustrate,

Therefore,
As a result,
Consequently,
This shows that,