

<p>Express an Opinion or Claim</p> <p>I think/ believe that ...</p> <p>It seems to me that ...</p> <p>In my opinion ...</p>	<p>Ask for Clarification</p> <p>Can you tell me a bit more about ___?</p> <p>Will you explain that one more time?</p> <p>I have a question and need a bit more information.</p>	<p>Helpful Sentence Starters for Discussions</p> <p>What I hear you say is ...</p> <p>In other words, you are saying ...</p> <p>I understand that what you mean is ...</p> <p>So, you are saying ...</p>
<p>Others' Ideas and Connect with</p> <p>My idea is similar to ___'s because we both ...</p> <p>I agree with ___ because ...</p> <p>I disagree with ___ because ...</p> <p>in my research ...</p>	<p>Acknowledge and Connect with Others' Ideas</p> <p>My idea builds on ___'s idea because ...</p> <p>and I agree on the idea because ...</p> <p>_____ said _____, and I want to connect this thought to it.</p>	<p>Paraphrasing</p> <p>_____ said _____, and I want to connect this thought to it.</p> <p>My idea builds on ___'s idea because ...</p> <p>_____ and I agree on the idea because ...</p>

The Cow Creek Treaty of 1853 has been and continues to be disastrous for the U.S. government.