Express an Opinion
or Claim
I think/ believe that ...
It seems to me that ...
In my opinion ...

Can you tell me a bit more about \_\_\_\_\_?

Boout \_\_\_\_\_?

Will you explain that one more time?

I have a question and need abit more information.

Ask for Clarification My idea is similar to \_\_\_\_\_'s because we both ...

I agree with \_\_\_\_ because ...

I disagree with \_\_\_\_ because in my research ...

said \_\_\_\_, and I want to connect this thought to it.

My idea builds on \_\_\_'s idea because ...

and I agree on the idea because ...

and Connect with

Acknowledge

Paraphasing
What I hear you say is ...
In other words, you
are saying ...
I understand that what you
mean is ...

Helpful Sentence Starters for Discussions

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