**Listen actively and make eye contact.**

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| **Elaborate and Clarify*** Can you elaborate?
* What do you mean by…?
* Will you tell me more about…?
* What makes you think that?
* What is your rationale?
* Will you explain that again?
* I have a question about…
* I am wondering if…
* Can you give an example?
* Can you tell me again in different words?
* What do you mean?
 | **Paraphrase and Summarize*** What have we discussed so far?
* How should we summarize what we talked about?
* We can say that…
* I think I heard you say \_\_\_\_\_; is that right?
* I’m not sure I understand what you mean. Can you explain it again?
* So you are saying that…
* What I hear you saying is…
* I agree with (person) that…
* I found out from \_\_\_\_\_\_ that…
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| **Make Eye Contact*** with the speaker
* with the listeners
 | **Other Non-verbal Communication*** smile
* nod
* sit up straight
* be interested
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**Make connections.**

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| **Text to Text*** According to the author.
* According to the text
* The text say
* In the video
* The data indicate
* Can you give an example?
* Can you show me where it says that?
* Are there any cases of that?
* For example…
* One case showed…
* According to research
* This reminds me of the text/song/ experiment/book/video/ article…
* Based on…, I infer that…
* The most important details are...
 | **Text to Self*** So how can we apply this idea to our lives?
* What can we learn about this character/event/process?
* I think the author wrote it to teach us about…
* In my life…
* I think it can teach us…
* If I were…I would have…
* I think/believe that…
* The part that interested me most…
* In my opinion
* I really liked it when…
* It seems to me that…
* I am wondering if…
* In my experience…
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| **Text to World*** What are some themes that emerged?
* One theme might be…
* This reminds me of a current event/situation/problem/approach…
* What might be a counterclaim?
* Another counterclaim?
 | **Text to My Classmates*** My idea builds upon \_\_\_\_\_’s idea.
* I want add on to what you said…
* Piggybacking on your idea…
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shared with me that…
* I found out from \_\_\_\_ that…
* My idea is similar/related to \_\_\_\_\_’s idea.
* Building on what \_\_\_\_ said…
* \_\_\_\_\_ pointed out to me that…
* I respectfully disagree…
* I appreciate \_\_\_\_’s point of view, however I have a different opinion.
* Similarly…
* Our group sees it differently.
* Elaborating on \_\_\_\_’s idea/ suggestion, I would add that…
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**Take initiative!**

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| **Individual Contribution*** I guess/predict/imagine/ believe/think/hypothesize that…
* I learned…
* I wonder…
* In my opinion…
* I want to know more about…
* I didn’t agree with or like…
* The part I liked best was…
* IT seems to me that…
* I’ll get an extra graphic organizer from the shelf.
* I’ll take this section…
* I’ll share my idea/experience/answer first…
 | **Group Contribution*** What if we…
* Here’s something we might try
* Maybe we could…
* What process should we use for consensus?
* Let’s make a plan
* Let’s get organized
* Who will be facilitator / recorder / timekeeper / errand runner / illustrator?
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| **Returning to Task*** We only have five minutes left. Let’s see if we can wrap up by then.
* That’s interesting, but let’s get back to our task.
* This has been a great discussion. Let’s revisit our task directions…
* Do you think it’s time to ask the teacher for help?
 | **Group Presentation*** Our group sees it differently.
* We decided/agreed that…
* We had a different approach.
* Our project consisted of…
* Our approach/process/methods…
* We investigated…
* Now, we would like you to complete this activity…
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**Invite others into the conversation**

*(Share the air space!)*

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| **Seek each other’s opinions*** We haven’t heard from \_\_\_ yet; what do you think?
* Let’s hear from \_\_\_\_ next.
* I’d like to know what you/all of us think about…
* Which was your favorite part?
* What is the biggest surprise?
* Which of your ideas would you most like represented in our project?
* Let’s each choose one difficult passage, and try to help each other make meaning…
 | **Share knowledge and responsibility*** How would you like me to represent this idea/project?
* How would you like this to sound?
* Let’s be sure all of us have contributed our knowledge/ideas…
* Let’s hear/record each of our “text-to-text connections…”
* I might have created the PowerPoint / illustration / visual differently, however I appreciate your approach, too!
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**Appreciate others’ ideas.**

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| **Express appreciation/agreement*** Interesting idea—I hadn’t thought of that.
* That’s an interesting/creative/ brilliant/fabulous idea
* I am going to use your idea when…
* I agree with (person) that…
* I agree with \_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_
* I like what you’re saying. I have a question/thought/reference…
* I see what you mean.
* Thank you for sharing your experience.
* You did a lot of work on this – thank you.
* This seems important. Will you elaborate/explain it further?
 | **Build off each other’s ideas*** Elaborating on \_\_\_\_’s idea/ suggestion, I would add that…
* I want to expand on your point about…
* Similar to what \_\_\_\_ said,
* I want to add on to what you said…
* My idea builds upon \_\_\_\_’s idea.
* My idea is similar to/related to \_\_\_\_’s idea.
* I’d like to piggyback on what you said…
* My partner mentioned…
* \_\_\_\_\_ shared with me/pointed out to me that…
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| **Seek others’ opinion/knowledge*** What do you think?
* Can you add to this idea?
* Do you agree?
* Will you explain that again?
* I’d like to know what all of you think about…
* We haven’t heard from you yet.
 | **Respectfully challenge/disagree*** I respectfully disagree. I believe that…
* I appreciate your idea, however I see it another way.
* I have a different answer than you.
* I understand what you are saying, however…
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