

Thinking & Learning Framework

Quick Reference Tool

Build Community



- Appreciate clarifying questions.
- Ensure that all contributions are received with positive intention.



- Wait 3 seconds before speaking.
- Let 3 people speak before speaking again.



- Be fully present in the conversation.
- Show interest by practicing good eye contact.
- Have an open mind and withhold judgment.



- "We haven't heard from ... "
- "It looks like we have to make a decision about ... "
- "Does anyone have anything else to add?"

Contribute Knowledge



- "On page ____, paragraph ____, it states ... "
- "From our notes, it says ... "
- "The reading says ... , which connects to ... from ... "



- "What if ... ?"
- "What is the connection between ... and ... ?"
- "What does ... make you think of?"
- "How will ... affect ... ?"



- "I think I heard you say ... "
- "So, it's important to you that ... "
- "Why do you think ... ?"
- "Can you give an example of ... ?"



- "I agree/disagree with you because ... "
- "One thought I have is ... "
- "The author/text said ... "
- "I want to expand on your idea of ... by ... "

Think Critically



- "I notice that ... I think it means ... "
- "When you look at the information this way ... you see ... "
- "If we focus on ... we can see how ... "



- "The evidence supports the ... by ... "
- "What if the opposite were true, then what?"
- "Others may say that, but one could argue ... "



- "From the evidence, I conclude that ... "
- " ... however, the evidence points to ... "
- "Others might say ... , but I argue that ... "



- "Because source A says ... and source B says ... , then ... "
- "When I think about all of the information, it seems that ... "
- "I used to think ... , but now I think ... because ... "