

### **Unpacking Your Thinking**

- My partner/group and I determined that \_\_\_ because \_\_\_.
- I/we concluded that \_\_\_ because \_\_\_.
- My perspective is \_\_\_ because \_\_\_.
- I approached it by \_\_\_ because \_\_\_.

### **Soliciting a Response**

- What do you think?
- We haven't heard from \_\_\_ yet.
- What are your thoughts?

### **Paraphrasing Contributions**

- If I understand you correctly, your opinion is \_\_\_.
- Let me see if I got this right. You are saying \_\_\_.
- In other words, you are saying \_\_\_.
- So, you are recommending that \_\_\_.

### **Responding to Paraphrasing**

- Yes, that is accurate.
- No, that isn't quite accurate because \_\_\_.

### **Affirming Contributions**

- I see what you mean.
- Now I understand your perspective.
- I share your point of view.
- Your explanation helped me understand \_\_\_.

### **Critiquing Others' Reasoning**

- There was no proof when you said, "\_\_\_" so please elaborate on \_\_\_.
- It doesn't appear that you have sufficient evidence to claim \_\_\_.
- I don't believe your argument is viable because \_\_\_.

### **Comparing Contributions**

- I have another way of looking at this.
- I agree with \_\_\_ but I don't agree with \_\_\_ because \_\_\_.
- Have you thought about \_\_\_?
- My perspective is similar to \_\_\_'s.
- I have an alternative strategy.
- You might consider trying \_\_\_.
- My idea builds upon \_\_\_'s.

### **Interjecting an Idea**

- May I say something?
- May I add an idea?

### **Holding the Floor**

- As I was saying, ...
- What I was trying to say was \_\_\_.
- If I could finish my thought ...
- I'd like to complete my thought.

### **Asking for Clarification**

- What do you mean by \_\_\_?
- Will you explain \_\_\_ again?
- I have a question about \_\_\_.
- I don't quite understand \_\_\_.

### **Asking for Justification**

- What is the reasoning/evidence for your conclusion?
- What makes you think that?
- Does that always work?

## **Secondary Discourse Sentence Starters**