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| **Affirm ideas of others**   * My idea is related to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s idea… * I really like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s idea about… * I resonate with what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ said… * You made a great point about… * My idea builds on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s idea. | **Analyze**   * When we break down into these areas, we can see that… * Each component plays a key role. First… * The parts are related in the following ways: * Let’s see how the pieces fit together to make… | **Apply learning to other subjects**   * We also learned about this in… * This is similar to what we do in (science) when we… * The character in the novel is like a person from my history text because… |
| **Ask for clarification**   * Can you elaborate on that? * In other words, are you saying… * I have a question about… * It’s not quite clear. Can you explain the part about…? * Do you mean that…? * Can you clarify the point about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for me? | **Compare and Contrast**   * They are similar because… * Notice how the two compare… * This is a lot like how… * The two differ because one…, while the other… * On the other hand,… * They share the following traits: | **Disagree**   * Then again, we shouldn’t forget… * I see it differently. Based on… * That’s a valid point, but I feel… * I do agree with the part about…, but… * True, but what about… * I understand the idea of…, but I feel that… |
| **Express Opinions**   * I believe that… * In my opinion… * I happen to feel that… * Because…, I think that… * I tend to think that… | **Predict or Infer**   * I can infer that… because… * I bet that… because… * Based on …. I guess that… * The evidence points to the idea that… * I predict that… because… |  |