

# Language Strategies for Academic Interaction

## Expressing an Opinion

I think/believe that  
In my opinion  
From my perspective  
From my point of view

## Agreeing

I agree with (a person) that  
I share your point of view.  
My perspective/experience is similar to \_\_'s.  
My idea builds upon \_\_'s.

## Asking for Clarification

What do you mean by \_\_?  
Will you explain that again?  
I have a question about \_\_.  
I don't quite understand \_\_ (the directions).

## Reporting a Partner's Idea

\_\_ indicated that  
\_\_ pointed out to me that  
\_\_ emphasized that  
\_\_ shared with me that

## Soliciting a Response

What do you think?  
We haven't heard from you yet.  
Do you agree?  
What are your thoughts?

## Offering a Suggestion

Maybe we could try \_\_.  
You/We might think about \_\_.  
You/We might consider trying \_\_.

## Drawing Conclusions

Based on my experience, it seems that  
The data suggests that  
Based on \_\_, I assume that  
After reading \_\_, I conclude that

## Disagreeing

I don't quite agree.  
I disagree (somewhat, completely).  
I see it differently.  
I have a different point of view.

## Paraphrasing

So what you are saying is that  
In other words, you think  
If I understand you correctly,  
your opinion/suggestion is that

## Reporting a Group's Idea

We decided/agreed/determined that  
We concluded that  
Our group sees it differently.  
We had a different approach.

## 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.

## Interjecting an Idea

Can I say something?  
Can I add an idea?  
I have another approach/idea.