## Language Strategies for Academic Interaction

### Expressing an Opinion
- I think/believe that
- In my opinion
- From my perspective
- From my point of view

### Drawing Conclusions
- Based on my experience, it seems that
- The data suggests that
- Based on __, I assume that
- After reading __, I conclude that

### 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.

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

### 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).

### 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 Partner’s Idea
- __ indicated that
- __ pointed out to me that
- __ emphasized that
- __ shared with me that

### Reporting a Group’s Idea
- We decided/agreed/determined that
- We concluded that
- Our group sees it differently.
- We had a different approach.

### Soliciting a Response
- What do you think?
- We haven’t heard from you yet.
- Do you agree?
- What are your thoughts?

### 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.

### Offering a Suggestion
- Maybe we could try __.
- You/We might think about __.
- You/We might consider trying __.

### Interjecting an Idea
- Can I say something?
- Can I add an idea?
- I have another approach/idea.