

Language for Academic Discussions

1. Stating Perspectives	2. Drawing Conclusions	3. Elaborating on Ideas
I (firmly, strongly) believe that In my opinion, From my perspective, From my point of view, My opinion on this issue is	Based on experience, it seems that The data suggests that Based on, I assume that After reading, I conclude that After hearing, I am convinced that	For instance, I have observed that One reason is that
4. Comparing Ideas My idea is similar to (Name's). My response is similar to (Name's). I have a similar perspective. My idea is different from (Name's). I see this quite differently.	5. Agreeing I agree with (Name) that I completely agree with (Name). I share your perspective. I can see your point of view. My idea builds upon (Name's).	6. Disagreeing I don't quite agree. I disagree completely. I have a different perspective I don't share your point of vie I disagree somewhat.
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Lan	guage for Collaborati	ion
1. Requesting Ideas	2. Contributing Ideas	3. Confirming Ideas
What should we write?	We could write	That would work.
What do you think makes sense?	What if we put	That makes sense.
What are your thoughts?	I think would work well.	I share your point of view.
What's your idea/opinion?	We could consider writing	Yes, that's correct.
Do you have a suggestion?	Another way to say this is	I see what you mean.
Do you have anything to add?	I think we should add	Not exactly. What I meant was _
4. Clarifying Ideas	5. Rephrasing Ideas	6. Reporting Ideas
I don't quite understand your idea.	So, what you are saying is that	We came up with
I have a question about	In other words, you think that	We decided/determined that
What do you mean by?	So, your opinion is that	We concluded that
So you think we should ?	So, you are suggesting that	Our response is