

# Expressing an Opinion

*I think/believe that...*

*In my opinion, ...*

*From my perspective, ...*

*From my point of view, ...*

# Gathering Group Members' Contributions

How can we record everyone's ideas?

*What do you think makes sense?*

What is your contribution/idea/suggestion/opinion?

*We'd like to hear what you have to say.*

# Confirming Contributions

*I see what you mean.*

That's an interesting example.

*Now I understand your perspective.*

I share your point of view.

# Clarifying Contributions

*I don't quite understand what you mean by...*

Please tell me what you meant when you said...

*What makes you think that?*

Tell me more about...

# Agreeing

I agree with ... that ...

*I share your point of view.*

My perspective is similar to ...'s:

*My idea builds upon ...'s:*

# ***Asking for Clarification***

***What do you mean by...?***

***Will you please explain that again?***

***I have a question about ...***

***I don't quite understand...***

# 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?

*Do you agree?*

I'd like to hear your opinion/idea.

*What are your thoughts?*



# Offering a Suggestion

Perhaps we could try ...

*You/we could think about ...*

You/we might consider trying ...

*I think it would be good to ...*

# Drawing Conclusions

*Based on my experience, it seems that ...*

**The data suggest /information suggests that ...**

*Based on ... , I assume that ...*

**After reading ... , I conclude that ...**

# Disagreeing

*I disagree because ...*

I disagree somewhat/ completely.

*My point of view is quite different.*

Although you say, I think that ...

*While you have a valid point, I think differently.*

# Paraphrasing

What you're saying is ...

*In other words, you think ...*

If I understand you correctly, your  
opinion/suggestion/idea is ...

*To paraphrase, you  
believe/think/say that ...*

# Reporting a Group's Idea

We decided/agreed that ...

*We concluded that ...*

To add to what's been reported, our group determined that ...

*Our group has a different approach.*

# Holding the Floor

*As I was saying, ...*

What I was trying/attempting to say was ...

*If I could finish my thought,*

I would like to complete my thought.

# Interjecting an Idea

*May I say something?*

I'd like to add an idea.

*I have an additional approach/  
idea*

Has anyone thought about ... ?