**Sentence starters** for respectful discussion and to help develop critical thinking skills. Can be cut down the middle and handed out as prompts.

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| **Agreeing** | **Paraphrasing** | **Agreeing** | **Paraphrasing** |
| I agree with … because … | So you’re saying that … | I agree with … because … | So you’re saying that … |
| ….’s point about … is important because …. | In other words, you think … | ….’s point about … is important because …. | In other words, you think … |
| I agree with … about …., but I disagree about … | **Including others** | I agree with … about …., but I disagree about … | **Including others** |
| **Disagreeing** | What do you think …? | **Disagreeing** | What do you think …? |
| I disagree with … about … because … | **Extension** | I disagree with … about … because … | **Extension** |
| I’m not sure I agree with what … said because … | Having listened to …., now I am wondering … | I’m not sure I agree with what … said because … | Having listened to …., now I am wondering … |
| I see it differently because … | I want to know more about … | I see it differently because … | I want to know more about … |
| **Clarifying** | **Expressing an opinion** | **Clarifying** | **Expressing an opinion** |
| I’m not sure I understand you when you said …. Could you say more about that? | It seems to me that…  In my opinion | I’m not sure I understand you when you said …. Could you say more about that? | It seems to me that…  In my opinion |
| I’m confused when you say … Can you elaborate? | For me, I think…  When you say …, I feel … | I’m confused when you say … Can you elaborate? | For me, I think…  When you say …, I feel … |