

Socratic Seminar Peer Coaching

Based on Jeff Zwiers and Marie Crawford Academic Conversation Placemat with Prompts

Goal: To listen carefully to our partners discuss ideas, identify the kind of comment they are making, give them feedback on their speaking patterns, and encourage them to try some new speaking moves.

Directions: Listen to your partner discuss ideas. Put a tally beneath every kind of comment your partner makes. Your partner does not have to use the exact sentence frame. The frames are there to give you an idea of what each speaking move sounds like. Take brief notes on comment details if you can.

New Question	Build	Support	Elaborate/Clarify	Paraphrase	Synthesize/ Summarize	Challenge or Qualify	Invite
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I would like to ask.. ● A question I have is... ● I'm wondering what you think about... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What do you think about the idea that...? ● That reminds me of... ● I would add that... ● What might be other points of view? ● What struck me about what you said is... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What details in the text/picture illustrate that point? ● You can see that in the text... ● An illustration of this could be... ● What is a real-world example? ● For example... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What do you mean by... ● I guess what I mean is... ● This is important because... ● Can you be more specific? ● Can you clarify what you meant by...? ● That might not have made sense. Another way of saying it might be... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● So what you're saying is... ● In a nutshell, you're arguing that... ● What is your take on what I said? ● Let me see if I understand you...you're saying that... ● Did that make sense? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What key ideas can we take away? ● How can we bring this all together? ● We seem to have come to consensus that... ● How should we synthesize what we talked about? ● The big ideas we can take away are... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I'm not sure I agree with that idea because... ● While X might be true, I would qualify that idea by saying that... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What perspectives might be missing from our discussion? ● X, I'm interested in hearing your thoughts on _____ (use this sparingly, don't put people on the spot, and give your classmate something really concrete to answer)
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