

Academic Language Scripts

Requesting Assistance

- Could you please help me?
- I'm having trouble with this. Would you mind helping me?
- Could you please show me how to do this. . . , write this. . . , draw this. . . , pronounce this. . . , solve this?

Interrupting

- Excuse me, but... (I don't understand.)
- Sorry for interrupting, but. . . (I missed what you said.)
- May I interrupt for a moment?
- May I add something here?

Asking for Clarification

- Could you repeat that?
- Could you give me an example of that?
- I have a question about that: . . . ?
- Could you please explain what _____ means?
- Would you mind repeating that?
- I'm not sure I understood that. Could you please give us another example?
- So, do you mean. . . ?

Probing for Higher Level Thinking

- What examples do you have of . . . ?
- Where in the text can we find. . . ?
- I understand . . . , but I wonder about. . . .
- How does this idea connect to . . . ?
- If _____ is true, then . . . ?
- What would happen if . . . ?
- Do you agree or disagree with his/her statement? Why?
- What is another way to look at it?
- How are ____ and ____ similar?
- Why is ____ important?
- How do you know that? Can you give an example?
- Is there another way to look at this?

Expressing an Opinion

- I think/believe/predict/imagine that . . .
- In my opinion . . .
- It seems to me that . . .
- Not everyone will agree with me, but . . .

Building on What Others Say

- I agree with what _____ said because
- You bring up an interesting point, and I also think
- That's an interesting idea. I wonder . . . ? I think. . . . Do you think . . . ?
- I thought about that also, and I'm wondering why . . . ?
- I hadn't thought of that before. You make me wonder if . . . ? Do you think . . . ?
- _____ said that. . . . I agree and also think. . . .
- Based on the ideas from _____, _____, and _____, it seems like we all think that. . . ."
- That's an excellent point, and I would add. . .

Soliciting a Response

- Do you agree?
- _____ (name), what do you think?
- Can someone else ask a question or offer an opinion?
- _____ (name), what did you understand from that answer?

Disagreeing

- I don't really agree with you because
- I see it another way. I think
- My idea is slightly different from yours. I believe that I think that
- I have a different answer than you

Offering a Suggestion

- Maybe you/we could
- Here's something you/we might try.
- What if you/we . . . ?

Classroom Reporting

- _____ explained to me that
- _____ pointed out that
- _____ mentioned that
- _____ shared with me that
- _____ brought to my attention that
- _____ pointed out something (interesting, intriguing, surprising).