

Challenge



Disagree or argue an alternative point of view

I understand, however...
Have you also considered...?
I disagree because...
An alternative perspective might be...
I would like to challenge your point...

Build



Give more detail and expand on an idea

I would like to add...
I would like to build on this by saying...
Building on this idea...
To explain further...
You might also consider...
Further evidence to support this is...
This has made me think that...
Extending/Following/Adding to what...said...
Linking to...’s idea...
Developing...’s comment/idea/statement...

Summarise



Select the main points to explain thinking

The main points discussed were...
So far, we have said...
To sum up...
The talk focused on...
In conclusion...
I can see both sides of this argument because..
I can see that both sides of this debate have valid points

Question/Probe



Ask for more information to fully understand a point or to get evidence

Can you explain why you thought...
Could you add more?
Can you give an example?
What makes you believe this?
What evidence do you have to support your idea?

Clarify



Find out more to gain better understanding

Does that mean?
Can you clarify what you mean by...?
Can you explain that in a different way?
Are you stating that...?
What do you mean by...?

Adding/Agreeing



Present more information that justifies accuracy

I agree ... because/due to the fact that...
I would like to support...because
I also think the same and would like to add...
I also believe that... because...
This is a worthy point because...
It is true that ...
You have persuaded me because...

Disagreeing



Politely explain an alternative viewpoint with evidence

Would you rather...
I can see your point, but...
Have you considered the opinion...
I feel that we should also consider...
That's a valid point, but have you thought about...
I know this is false as...
I disagree with.. because ...

Justify



Give reasons to fully explain your thinking

I know...therefore...
I disagree... because...
I think / feel / know this because...
I know someone that...
I predict... because...
I bet you're thinking...
I would like to explain /describe...
I haven't decided because...
I am feeling unsure about this because...