Academic Discussions:



It’s always a good idea to ***notepad*** your ideas before a discussion!

Strategies Tracker:

check (√) when you usesa strategy!

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| Phrases for expressing your ideas and opinions | |  |  |  |  |
| Here’s what I think…. |  |  |  |  |  |
| What I’d like to say is… |  |  |  |  |  |
| In my experience… |  |  |  |  |  |
| It seems to me…. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Personally, I believe…. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Asking for clarification |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sorry, I didn’t catch that.  Could you repeat it, please? |  |  |  |  |  |
| Could you say that a little more slowly/loudly? |  |  |  |  |  |
| What does ……..mean? |  |  |  |  |  |
| I don’t get what you mean by….. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Asking for elaboration |  |  |  |  |  |
| Excuse me, what is……? |  |  |  |  |  |
| Why is that? |  |  |  |  |  |
| Can you explain more about….? |  |  |  |  |  |
| Asking for opinions |  |  |  |  |  |
| What do you think about….? |  |  |  |  |  |
| What’s your take on this? |  |  |  |  |  |
| I’d like to know what \_\_\_\_ has to say. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \_\_\_\_, how do you feel about….? |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agree and Disagree politely |  |  |  |  |  |
| I totally agree… |  |  |  |  |  |
| I see your point… |  |  |  |  |  |
| I see what you mean, but I think… |  |  |  |  |  |
| Okay, but what about….. |  |  |  |  |  |
| But don’t you think that…. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Compromise and reach a consensus |  |  |  |  |  |
| So, can we all agree on…. |  |  |  |  |  |
| What’s one idea we can all agree on? |  |  |  |  |  |
| So, it sounds like we’ve decided… |  |  |  |  |  |