

# SENTENCE STEMS FOR ACADEMIC CONVERSATIONS

Point	Stems for prompting	Stems for responding
Elaborating And clarifying	Can you elaborate on... How so? I'd love to hear more on... Can you unpack that for me? I wonder if...	I think it means that... In other words... An analogy for this might be... It's similar to when...
Support ideas with examples	Can you give an example from the text? Like what? How do you justify that?	For example... An illustration of this could be... To demonstrate...
Build on ideas	What do you think about the idea that... What are other ideas... I'm not sure this is relevant but...	Then again, I think that... I want to follow up on your idea... If _____, then _____.
Paraphrase	I'm not sure that was clear... I can't remember all that was said. What do we know so far?	So you are saying that... Let me see if I understand you... In other words...
Synthesizing	What have we discussed so far? How can we bring this all together? What key idea can we take away?	We can say that.. What if we... The evidence seems to suggest that...