

Meaningful Conversations

- I agree with ___ because...
- I disagree with ___ because...
- I'd like to go back to what ___ said about...
- I'd like to add...
- I noticed that...
- Another example is...
- So, what you're saying is...
- Do you think that...?
- Couldn't it also be that...?
- Why do you think that?
- Where can I find that in the book?
- Can you explain what you mean?
- Can you tell me more?
- Can you give an example of that?

Justifying Your Thoughts

Justify: To defend your thinking by showing and telling with specific examples and evidence.

When speaking and writing, be sure to justify your responses with specific evidence from the text and examples from your life/the world. Here are some evidence-based terms that will help you to justify your thoughts:

- ▶ **Because**
- ▶ **For instance...**
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- ▶ **The author said...**
- ▶ **According to the text...**
- ▶ **It said on page ____ that...**
- ▶ **From the reading I know that...**