

Student Talk Tactics



Instigate

Present an idea or open up a new line of inquiry



“ I would like to start by saying ____

“ I think ____

“ We haven't yet talked about ____

Instigate

Probe

Dig deeper, ask for evidence or justification of ideas



“ Why do you think ____?

“ What evidence do you have to support X idea?

“ Could you provide an example?

Probe

Challenge

Disagree or present an alternative argument



“ I disagree because ____

“ To challenge you X, I think ____

“ I understand your point of view, but have you thought about ____?

Challenge

Clarify

Asking questions to make things clearer and check your understanding



“ So are you saying ____?

“ Does that mean ____?

“ Can you clarify what you mean by ____?

Clarify

Summarise

Identify and recap the main ideas



“ So far we have talked about ____

“ The main points raised today were ____

“ Our discussion focused on ____

Summarise

Build

Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea



“ Building on X's idea ____

“ I agree and would like to add ____

“ X's idea made me think ____

Build