Constructive Conversation Skills Placemat

**Negotiate**

**Create**

- **Prompt starters:**
  - How can we combine these ideas?
  - What do we need to do?
  - What are other points of view?
  - Why... How... I wonder...

- **Response starters:**
  - One idea could be...
  - My hypothesis is...
  - That reminds me of...
  - I noticed the pattern of...
  - I think it depends on...

**Clarify**

- **Prompt starters:**
  - Can you elaborate on the...?
  - What does that mean?
  - What do you mean by...?
  - Can you clarify the part about...?
  - Say more about...
  - Why... How... What... When...
  - How is that important?
  - I understand the part about...
  - But I want to know...
  - Can you be more specific?
  - Is what I just said clear?
  - Does that make sense?
  - Do you know what I mean?
  - What do you think?
  - I'm not sure if I was clear.

- **Response starters:**
  - I think it means...
  - In other words, more specifically, it is...
  - Because...
  - An analogy might be...
  - It is important because...
  - Let me see if I heard you right...
  - To paraphrase what you just said, you...
  - In other words, you are saying that...
  - What I understood was...
  - It sounds like you think that...
  - It all boils down to...
  - A different way to say it...

**Fortify/Support**

**Build IDEA(s)**

- & if >1 Idea, Choose 1

**Build IDEA(s)**

- **Prompt starters:**
  - Can you give an example from the text?
  - Where does it say that?
  - What are examples from other texts?
  - What is a real world example?
  - Are there any cases of that in real life?
  - Can you give an example from your life?
  - What is the strongest support for...?
  - How does it support the idea?

- **Response starters:**
  - For example, in the text it said that...
  - Remember in the other story we read that...
  - An example from my life is...
  - One case that illustrates this is...
  - Strong supporting evidence

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