Goal: Students independently build up ideas (knowledge, agreement, solution) using these skills.

**Negotiate**

*Prompt starters:*
- What is your opinion?
- Where do you disagree?
- How might we take the best from both ideas?
- How can we decide which is the more ___ idea?
- How does evidence for your argument compare to mine?
- How do the two ideas similar and different?
- Which has the strongest evidence?

*Response starters:*
- I see it a different way,
- On the other hand, …
- A point of disagreement that I have is…
- Even though it seems that …,
- That is a valid point, but…
- I think the negatives of… outweigh the positives of …

**Create**

*Prompt starters:*
- What is your idea?
- How can we combine these ideas?
- What do we need to do?
- What are other points of view?
- What do you think about…?
- 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…

**BUILD IDEA**

*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?
- How does it support your point that…
- 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…

**Clariify**

*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…?

*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 is

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