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

Negotiate
(If more than 1 Idea)

Prompt starters:
- How can we decide which is the more ___ idea?
- How does evidence for your argument compare to mine?
- What criteria do we use to evaluate the weight of the evidence?
- How do we compare “apples” of… to the “oranges” of…?
- Which has the heaviest/strongest evidence?
- What is your opinion? Why?
- How might we take the best from both ideas?
- How is that evidence stronger than this evidence?

Response starters:
- I think we should use the criteria of… because…
- ___ is very strong evidence because…
- 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…

BUILD IDEA(s)
(& if >1 Idea, Choose 1)

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.

Fortify/Support

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

Clarify

Prompt starters:
- I think it means…
- In other words,
- More specifically, it is… because…”
- An analogy might be…
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