

<p><b>Express an Opinion or Claim</b></p> <p>I think/ believe that ...</p> <p>It seems to me that ...</p> <p>In my opinion ...</p>	<p><b>Acknowledge and Connect with Others' Ideas</b></p> <p>My idea is similar to _____'s because we both ...</p> <p>I agree with _____ because ...</p> <p>I disagree with _____ because ...</p> <p>_____ said _____, and I want to connect this thought to it.</p> <p>My idea builds on _____'s idea because ...</p> <p>_____ and I agree on the idea because ...</p>	<p><b>Helpful Sentence Starters for Discussions</b></p> <p>What I hear you say is ...</p> <p>In other words, you are saying ...</p> <p>I understand that what you mean is ...</p> <p>So, you are saying ...</p>
<p><b>Ask for Clarification</b></p> <p>Can you tell me a bit more about _____?</p> <p>Will you explain that one more time?</p> <p>I have a question and need a bit more information.</p>	<p><b>Paraphrasing</b></p> <p>_____ said _____, and I want to connect this thought to it.</p> <p>My idea builds on _____'s idea because ...</p> <p>_____ and I agree on the idea because ...</p>	<p><b>Helpful Sentence Starters for Discussions</b></p> <p>What I hear you say is ...</p> <p>In other words, you are saying ...</p> <p>I understand that what you mean is ...</p> <p>So, you are saying ...</p>

**The Cow Creek Treaty of 1853 has been and continues to be beneficial for the U.S. government.**