



Dialogic Sentence Starters

Building Ideas

'I agree with ___ because...'
'Building on what ___ said...'
'One example of this is...'

Respectful Disagreement

'I see it differently because...'
'Another perspective could be...'
'I'm not fully convinced because...'

Questioning & Clarifying

'Can you explain what you mean by...?'
'What evidence supports that?'
'How does this affect different groups?'

Building and Extending Ideas

'I'd like to build on that idea by adding...'
'That connects to what we learned about...'
'This links to the concept of...'

Reflection

'My thinking has changed because...'
'One thing I learned from this discussion...'
'A question I still have is...'

Evidence and Evaluation

'The evidence suggests that...'
'According to the data/source/case study...'
'How reliable is that source?'
'What evidence might challenge that view?'

Exploring Multiple Perspectives

'From another perspective...'
'A group that might be affected differently is...'
'Supporters of this view might argue that...'
'Critics of this position would say...'

Prior Knowledge & Assumptions

'Before..., I assumed that...'
'My initial understanding of this issue was...'
'I realised that my viewpoint was influenced by...'
'I did not previously consider...'
'An assumption I brought into this discussion was...'

Evaluation and Judgement

'Overall, this issue is complex because...'
'The strengths of this approach include...'
'However, limitations exist such as...'
'On balance, the most convincing argument is...'
'This issue demonstrates the challenges of ...'

Emotional Awareness

'I noticed an emotional reaction when...'
'I found it difficult to stay open-minded when...'
'I managed disagreement effectively by...'
'I needed to pause and reconsider when...'

Recognising Bias and Perspectives

'I noticed my own bias when...'
'My perspective is shaped by my experiences of...'
'A viewpoint I initially dismissed was...'
'I now understand why others might think differently because...'
'This discussion revealed how perspective influences opinion...'

Tracking Changes in Thinking

'My thinking changed when I learned that...'
'I shifted my position after considering...'
'I became less certain about my original view because...'
'Hearing another perspective made me rethink...'
'I now see this issue as more complex because...'

Next Steps

'One skill I want to improve is...'
'Next time, I will focus on...'
'I need to practise supporting my views with...'
'To improve my participation, I will...'
'A strategy that worked well for me was...'