



EYFS

Talk Tactics- EYFS

Here are some sentence stems for you to use when instigating a discussion, building on someone's point or challenging their thoughts and ideas:



Instigate

Present an idea or open up a new line of enquiry

" I think ____ "

" I will begin with ____ "

" I have a great idea, I'll go first ____ "

Build

Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea

" I also think ____ "

" I'd like to add ____ "

" Yes, and ____ "

Challenge

Disagree or present an alternative argument

" I don't think ____ "

" Have you thought about ____? "

" I disagree with ____ "



KS1

Talk Tactics – KS1

Here are some sentence stems for you to use when instigating a discussion, building on someone's point or challenging their thoughts and ideas:



Instigate

Present an idea or open up a new line of enquiry

"I would like to start by saying ____"

"In my opinion ____"

"We haven't yet talked about ____"

Build

Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea

"Building on X's idea ____"

"I agree and would like to add ____"

"X's idea made me think ____"

Challenge

Disagree or present an alternative argument

"I disagree because ____"

"To challenge you X, I think ____"

"I understand your point of view, but have you thought about ____?"



KS2

Talk Tactics – KS2

Here are some sentence stems for you to use when instigating a discussion, building on someone's point or challenging their thoughts and ideas:



Instigate

Present an idea or open up a new line of enquiry

"To instigate the discussion ____"

"My viewpoint is ____"

"We have omitted to discuss ____"

Build

Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea

"To expand upon X's idea ____"

"I'd like to elaborate upon ____"

"Another thought comes to mind ____"

Challenge

Disagree or present an alternative argument

"To present an alternative viewpoint, ____"

"In order to challenge your thinking, have you thought about ____"

"I respect and understand your opinion, but have you thought about ____?"