

Healthy Discourse Norms

#Talk
More

Actively listen • Stay on topic

Build on each other's ideas • Don't interrupt

Disagree respectfully • Encourage everyone to speak

Explain your thinking with reasons and evidence

**EVERYBODY CONTRIBUTES.
THIS IS A SAFE SPACE**

We strengthen each other when we
solve problems together. Listen to understand.

Respond to connect and share.

TALK MORE IN CLASS

Try these sentence starters...

BETTY NORDENGREN

CONNECTING & BUILDING

I want to add to that idea... _____
This reminds me of _____, because _____
Building on that, I would like to say, _____
I hear you say _____, and I think _____
I think, _____, and I my evidence is _____

DISAGREEING & CHALLENGING

I disagree, because _____
I am not sure I think that. What is your evidence?
I think differently, because _____
I understand what you are saying, but I think _____
Could you tell me more about that? I want to understand your ideas.

AGREEING & SUPPORTING

I agree with _____, because _____
I like what you said, because _____
I also feel that way, because _____
I like the way you said that. because _____

ENCOURAGING & INCLUDING

What can you add to the conversation, _____
Your voice needs to be heard too, _____
I am really impressed with your words, because _____
_____, What do you think about it?