



Academic Conversation Placemat with Prompts



Prompts:
 Can you elaborate on ...?
 What does that mean?
 What do you mean by ...?
 Can you clarify the part about ...?
 Tell me more about ...
 How is that important? How does it support your point that ...
 I understand the part about ... but I want to know ...
 Can you be more specific?


Response starters:
 I think it means ...
 In other words, ...
 More specifically, it is ... because ...
 Let's see, an analogy might be ... it is important because ...



Prompts:
 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?


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 ...

Key question, main idea, theme, topic



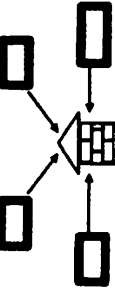
Prompts:
 Is that clear?
 Can I hear what you heard?
 Does that make sense?
 Do you know what I mean?
 What do you think?
 I'm not sure of all that I said.

Response starters:
 Let me see if I heard you right ...
 To paraphrase what you just said, you ...
 In other words, you are saying that ...
 What I understood was ...
 It sounds like you think that ...
 I'm hearing that...



Prompts:
 How can we add to this idea of ...
 What other ideas or examples relate to this idea?
 What else could support this idea?
 Do you agree?
 What contradicts this? What are other points of view?

Response starters:
 I would add that ...
 Building on your idea that ..., I think ...
 That idea connects to ...
 I see it a different way, ...
 On the other hand, ...
 Let's stay focused on the idea of ...
 Let's get back to the idea of ...
 That makes me think of ... That reminds me of ...
 I'm hearing that...



Prompts:
 How can we summarize what we discussed?
 What have we discussed?
 How can we bring these ideas together?
 What is the main point we want to communicate after discussing this?
 What is our conclusion?

Response starters:
 We can say that ...
 It boils down to ...
 We can agree that ...
 Even though some might think that..., we conclude that ...