Academic Conversation Placemat for Emergent Levels

Paraphrase

Prompts
Did that make sense?
What are you hearing?

Responses
So, you are saying that…
What I am hearing is…

Support Ideas with Examples

Prompts
What is an example from the text?
Can you show me in the text?

Responses
An example from the text is…
In the text it says…

Elaborate and Clarify

Prompts
What do you mean by…?
Why is that important?

Responses
I think it means…
It is important because…

Synthesize Conversation ideas

Prompts
What ideas have we talked about so far?

Responses
We can say that…
The main idea is…

Build On or Challenge an Idea

Prompts
Do you agree?

Responses
I agree because…

Prompts
What are other ideas?

Responses
An idea to add is…

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Paraphrase

Prompts
Did that make sense?
What are you hearing?
Is that clear?
What is your take on what I am saying?
How can we relate what I said to the topic/question?

Responses
So, you are saying that…
What I am hearing is…
In a nutshell, you are arguing that…
In other words…
Let me see if I understand you…is that right?

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Elaborate and Clarify

Prompts

What do you mean by…?
Why is that important?
Can you elaborate on…?
Can you clarify that part about…?
How so?

Responses

I mean that…
It is important because…
I believe that…
It is similar to when…
An analogy for this might be…
In other words…
Support Ideas with Examples

Prompts
What is an example from the text?
Can you show me in the text?
How can you justify that?
Why is that a good example?

Responses
An example from the text is...
In the text it says...
According to...
An illustration of this could be...
For instance...
Build On or Challenge an Idea

**Prompts**
- Do you agree?
- What are other ideas?
- What do you think about the idea that…?
- How can we bring this back to the question?

**Responses**
- I agree because…
- An idea to add is…
- I want to expand on your idea…
- Then again, I think that…
- Yet I wonder if…
- It ______ then ______
Synthesize Conversation Ideas

Prompts
What ideas have we talked about so far?
How would you synthesize what we talked about?
What key idea can we agree on?

Responses
We can say that…
The main idea is…
As a result of this conversation, we think that we should…
The evidence seems to suggest that…