

Talk Tactics
Year 5 and Year 6



Instigate



Present an idea or open up a new line of inquiry.

I would like to start by saying. . .

I think the first thing we should consider is...

We haven't yet talked about. . .

Having considered the evidence. . .



Build



Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea.

I agree and I would like to add. . .

Building on your point. . .

Adding to what you said. . .

Developing your point further. . .



Clarify



Ask questions to make things clearer and check your understanding.

What do you mean when you say. .

Could you tell me more about. . .

Does that mean that. . . ?



Challenge



Disagree or present an alternative argument.

Respectfully disagreeing. . .

That is an interesting point but have you considered. . . ?

You said. . . but what about. . . ?

I hear what you are saying but. . .



Probe



Dig deeper, ask for evidence or justification of ideas.

What evidence do you have to support that?

How does this support your argument?

How did you come to that conclusion?



Summarise



Identify and recap the main ideas

To summarise. . .

Overall, the main points considered were. .

From today's discussion, it is clear. . .