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| PicturePicture**Academic Discourse**  |
| **When you are speaking** | **When you are writing** |
| **Clarifying for yourself and the group**-Could you give me your thesis in one sentence?-Is it your position that…-To be clear, you’re saying that…-I’m confused when you say Z, Can you elaborate? | **Clarifying for your reader**-This viewpoint seeks to ….-The aim of this study was to… |
| **Paraphrasing**-Put another way, you’re saying…-So you’re saying that…-Is it fair to say that you believe…-I hear you saying that… | **Paraphrasing**-The study conducted by X, points out that…- X draws on a range of sources to assess ….- The basis of X’s argument is that … | **Quoting**-According to X, a professor of Y at Z, “..”-X, (insert job), argues “..”-X concurs when she notes, “..” |
| **Agreeing**-I agree with Y because…-Z’s point about X was important because…-The evidence for Z is overwhelming when you consider…-X and I are coming from the same position.-Despite disagreeing about Y, I agree with Z that… | **Agreeing**-This view is supported by …, who agrees that …-Strong evidence of … was found when …-Findings in this study are consistent with …- There is a consensus among many X about ….- Several studies thus far have |
| **Disagreeing**-I see it differently because…-The evidence I’ve seen suggests something different.-Some of that is fact, but some of it is opinion as well.-I agree that Y, but we also have to consider that…-We see Z differently. | **Disagreeing**-In contrast…-A key problem with this argument is …-There is inconsistency with this argument, given…-X’s interpretation overlooks much of …-One question that needs to be asked, however, is … -One problem with this approach is … -The main limitation to X’s study is … |
| **Qualifying**-To what extent is X a factor?-This seems to indicate…-A probable cause seems to be … | **Qualifying****-** However, this study’s implications are limited as …- While X and Y may be related, it would be wrong to assume that X causes Y. - Other considerations should include… |
| **Synthesizing**-Y mentioned that…-Yes–and furthermore…-The author’s claim that Z is interesting because…-Adding to what X said,…-If we change Xs position just a little, we can see that… | **Synthesizing**-This study builds on … and contributes to …-To date, there has been little agreement on …-Most studies of … have only been carried out on …-Until now, little importance has been given to …-Other studies considered the relationship between..-In contrast to earlier findings, however, no evidence of … -This finding has implications for … |
| **Summarizing**-My main take away from this conversation is that…-Based on our conversation I now believe that…-While I assumed X coming in to today, I now…. | **Summarizing**-Given these findings, it is clear…-An implication of these findings is that …-Based upon this body of research, it is important to consider… |