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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… | |