

# Accountable Talk Stems

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## Agreement

- "I agree with \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_."
- "I like what \_\_\_\_\_ said because \_\_\_\_\_."
- "I agree with \_\_\_\_\_; but on the other hand, \_\_\_\_\_."

## Disagreement

- "I disagree with \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_."
- "I'm not sure I agree with what \_\_\_\_\_ said because \_\_\_\_\_."
- "I can see that \_\_\_\_\_; however, I disagree with (or can't see) \_\_\_\_\_."

## Clarifications

- "Could you please repeat that for me?"
- Paraphrase what you heard and ask, "Could you explain a bit more, please?"
- "I'm not sure I understood you when you said \_\_\_\_\_. Could you say more about that?"
- "What's your evidence?"
- "How does that support our work with \_\_\_\_\_?"

## Confirmation

- "I think \_\_\_\_\_."
- I believe \_\_\_\_\_."

## Confusion

- "I don't understand \_\_\_\_\_."
- I am confused about \_\_\_\_\_."

## Extension

- "I was thinking about what \_\_\_\_\_ said, and I was wondering what if \_\_\_\_\_."
- "This makes me think \_\_\_\_\_."
- "I want to know more about \_\_\_\_\_."
- "Now I am wondering \_\_\_\_\_."
- "Can you tell me more about \_\_\_\_\_."

## Review

- "I want to go back to what \_\_\_\_\_ said."