**Language for Class Discussions**

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| **Casual Conversational English** | **Academic Language** |
| **Asking for Clarification** |
| Huh? What? I don’t get it. | I don’t quite understand (the directions). Could you explain what you mean by \_\_?Could you provide another example of \_\_?Could you define the term \_\_?Could you show me how to \_? |
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| **Paraphrasing to Verify Understanding** |
| You think \_\_? | So what you mean is \_\_.So what you are saying/suggesting is \_\_.In other words, you believe that \_\_.If I understand you correctly, you think that\_\_. |
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| **Expressing an Opinion** |
| I think \_\_. I don’t think \_\_. | I believe \_\_.In my opinion, \_\_.Based on my experience, \_\_.From my perspective, \_\_. |
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| **Expressing Agreement** |
| Yeah. Right.Uh huh | I agree with you.I understand what you mean.I see what you are saying.You are right.  |
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| **Soliciting a Response** |
| So what about you?So what do you think? | What’s your idea/opinion?What answer did you get?We haven’t heard from you yet. |
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| **Reporting A Pair’s/Group’s Idea** |
| We think … We said … | We decided that … We agreed that …We determined that … We concluded that… We observed that … |
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| **Reporting Someone Else’s Idea** |
| \_\_ said that …\_\_ told me that … | \_\_ pointed out that …\_\_ indicated that …\_\_ observed that …\_\_ emphasized that … |