Complimenting
• I like the way you...
• This will be helpful for me, because...
• Now I understand better, because...
• Thank you for explaining.

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Discussion

Sentence

Starters for Students

Expressing an Opinion
• I think/believe/predict/imagine...
• In my opinion...
• It seems to me that...
• Not everyone will agree with me, but...

Asking for Clarification
• I have a question about that...
• In other words, are you saying...
• So you think that...
• Could you please...
  • Repeat that
  • Explain what ______ means?
  • Give me an example?
  • Say more about that?
  • Explain that in more detail
• Would you mind...
  • Defining...
  • Repeating that a little slower?
  • Explaining that in another way?
• I have a question about....
• I don't think I understand that idea/word/remar/remark/question.