

# Sentence Stems

Year five and six

Regarding this issue...

We should consider...

My interpretation of this is...

Instigator

First, I would like to mention...

To begin I would like to consider...

My opinion of this subject is...

Examining the facts...

Can you justify your ideas?

What do you think would be the effect of...?

# Prober

I'm interested in your opinion.

Can you find an example to support?

What evidence have you got?

I understand what you're saying,  
however ...

To challenge you, I...

I recognise that, although...

# Challenger

With reference to that, please  
consider...

I understand your point of view,  
but have you considered...

If you scrutinise that carefully...

Can you expand on your reason?

How can you rationalise this idea?

Clarifier

Can you explain a bit more about...?

Please can you clarify what you meant by...?

Overall, the main points were...

We should consider...

We were able to conclude that...

## Summariser

To summarise, our discussion focused on...

We were not able to conclude because...

We've been deliberating this issue carefully and...

Building on your opinion...

Relating to...

Further to your comment...

# Builder

Defending those that believe...

I recognise your point of view,  
therefore...

In addition to this issue, consider...