



Sentence Frames for Academic Discussion and Writing

Use these sentence frames to support effective discussion in your disciplinary literacy instruction.

Making Observations and Describing Evidence

I notice that _____.

The data/source/text shows _____.

One piece of evidence that supports this idea is _____.

I observed that when _____, _____ happened.

Based on what I see/read, it seems that _____.

Explaining Reasoning

This suggests that _____.

The reason this happens is _____.

This might be because _____.

This connects to _____ because _____.

I think the author/scientist/mathematician means _____.

Comparing and Contrasting

In contrast to _____, _____.

Both _____ and _____ show _____.

Unlike _____, _____ focuses on _____.

These sources/experiments differ because _____.

While one perspective emphasizes _____, another highlights _____.

Drawing Conclusions and Synthesizing

Taken together, these results/sources show _____.

When I combine _____ and _____, I realize _____.

The evidence overall suggests _____.

These examples help me understand that _____.

From this discussion, we can conclude _____.

Agreeing, Disagreeing, and Building on Ideas

I agree with _____ because _____.

I see it differently because _____.

I'd like to add to _____'s idea by _____.

Another way to think about this is _____.

Building on that point, _____.

Clarifying and Questioning

Can you explain what you mean by _____?

I'm not sure I understand _____; could you restate it?

Do you think _____ is always true, or only in some cases?

What makes you think _____?

Could there be another reason for _____?

Connecting to Prior Knowledge or Real-World Context

This reminds me of _____.

I remember learning that _____, which relates to this because _____.

This connects to what we saw in _____.

A real-world example of this is _____.

This helps me understand _____ in a new way.



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