

Expressing an Opinion

I think that . . .

I believe that...

In my opinion . . .

Based on my experience,

I think...

Predicting

I predict...

I believe...

I hypothesize that ...

Clarifying

I don't understand.

Will you explain that again?

I have a question about that.

Do you mean...?

Paraphrasing

So, you said... . . .

In other words, you think . . .

To paraphrase...

Asking for a Response

What do you think?

Do you agree?

What's your idea?

What answer did you get?

Agreeing

I agree with _____

My idea is the same as _____'s.

My idea is similar to _____'s.

Reporting a Partner's Idea

_____ thought...

_____ stated...

_____ pointed out...

_____ concluded...

Reporting a Group's Idea

We thought that...

We decided that...

We concluded that...

We discovered that...

Disagreeing

I disagree because . . .

I have a different idea.

I see it another way.

Offering a Suggestion

Here's another idea.

Maybe we could . . .

What if we. . .

Affirming

That's an interesting idea.

I hadn't thought of that.

I see what you mean.