

Oracy

Student Talk Tactics



Instigate

Present an idea or open up
a new line of inquiry



“ I would like to start by saying _____

“ I think _____

“ We haven't yet talked about _____

Instigate

Build

Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea.



“ Building on X’s idea _____

“ I agree and would like to add _____

“ X’s idea made me think _____

Build

Challenge

Disagree or present an alternative argument



- “ I disagree because _____
- “ To challenge you X, I think _____
- “ I understand your point of view, but have you thought about _____?

Challenge

Summarise

Identify and recap the main ideas



“ So far we have talked about _____

“ The main points raised today were _____

“ Our discussion focused on _____

Summarise

Probe

Dig deeper, ask for evidence or justification of ideas



- “ Why do you think ____?
- “ What evidence do you have to support X idea?
- “ Could you provide an example?

Probe

Clarify



Asking questions to make things clearer and check your understanding

- “ So are you saying ____?
- “ Does that mean ____?
- “ Can you clarify what you mean by ____?

Clarify