Accountable talk
Responding in a respectful and meaningful way

Read the following sentences. When participating in a club discussion, use one of the following sentences to share and respond to ideas.

- I believe ____ because ____.
- I agree with _____ because ______.
- I respectfully disagree with what _____ said because ______.
- ________, could you please clarify what you mean by ________?
- I understood that you said _____.
- May I point out _____?
- I would like to suggest ______.
- Do you mind clarifying when you say_____?
- I am definitely interested in hearing more about ______.
- Let me add to what we have been discussing: _____.
- I’m confused. Would you mind explaining _____?
- Could you please tell me more about ______?

Write other respectful responses that you think of here:

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