

“It is not a matter of you just saying here it is, and I know it. The goal is to help someone who may not know.”

**“Who can explain what that learner just explained to us? How did they think about that?”**

“If someone is sharing their thinking, then you have an opportunity to learn.

You are not just waiting for this to be over; instead, you are following the thinking of everyone.”

**“If you agree?**

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**If you agree (or disagree) and can explain why that is...?”**

“I’m going to wait because some people are not with us, and you are giving excellent information. We must listen to everyone in our community, not just the teacher.”

**“Look around -- there are several people who don’t know that so you are going to help them understand so be very intentional with your explanation.”**

“Can you say that one more time? That was such excellent thinking, and we want to make sure that everyone can learn from your thinking.”

prompts that invite  
discourse + elevate thinking