Conversation Map

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Conversation Skill | Frames for Prompting the Skill | Frames for Responding |
| Elaborate and Clarify | Can you elaborate on…?What do you mean by…?What makes you think that?Can you clarify the part about…?Why is that important?How does that connect to…? | I think it means that…In other words…I believe that…It is important because…It’s similar to when… |
| Support Ideas with Examples | Can you give me an example from the text?What is a real-world example?What is the evidence for that…?Why do you say that?Why is that a good example?What does that look like?  | For example…In the text it said that…One case that showed that…An example from my life is…According to…To demonstrate…An illustration of this could be… |
| Build on/challenge a partner’s idea | What do you think about the idea that?Can you add to this idea?Do you agree or disagree?What might be other points of view?What are other ideas?How does that connect to the idea…?How can we bring this back to the question of…? | I would add that…I want to expand on your point about…I want to follow up on your idea…(To challenge)Then again, I think that…Another way to look at this could be…Yet I wonder also if…What struck me about what you said is… |
| Paraphrase/Synthesize Conversation Points | I’m not sure that was clear…How can we relate what I said to the topic/question?What do we know so far?I don’t know. Did that make sense?What have we discussed so far?How can we bring this all together?What main points did we share?What key idea can we take away? | So, you are saying that…Let me see if I understand you…In other words…What I am hearing is…In a nutshell, you are arguing that…We can say that…The main point/theme seems to be…The evidence seems to suggest that… |