Talk Moves to Support Discourse

Individual Think Time

"Take a minute and think about...."

"Take your time."



- *After posing a question*, wait at least five seconds for students to think and organize their thoughts before calling on anyone.¹
 - · Often elicits longer, more thoughtful responses.
- *After a student responds,* wait at least five seconds before reacting or commenting.²
 - · Allows the student to reflect on what was said and elaborate further.
 - · Allows an opportunity for more students to respond to what was said.

¹Also known as Wait Time I ²Also known as Wait Time II.

Turn-and-Talk

"Turn and talk to your partner..."



- Direct students to discuss with a partner, providing an opportunity for *every* student to share their thinking.
- Circulate and listen to partner talk to select strategies or ideas to be shared.
- Allows students to test out ideas in a smaller, safer setting, increasing the likelihood the student will be willing to contribute to the whole class discussion.

Adding On

"Would someone like to add on to what ___ just said?"



- Invite students to join the discussion by asking for further commentary.
- Encourages students to build on each other's ideas and further the discussion.

Reasoning

"How many of you agree with...? Why?"

"Why does that make sense?"



- Ask students to compare their own reasoning to someone else's reasoning.
- Highlight's the speaker's thought process and elicits respectful discussion of ideas.

Repeating

"Can you repeat what ___ said in your own words?"



- Ask a student to restate what another student said.
- Validates the speaker's thinking and helps students pay attention to each other's thinking and show they understand.
- Gives the class another rendition of the speaker's contribution so they can follow the conversation.

Revoicing

"So you're saying..."



- Paraphrase what the student has said, then ask the student to verify whether or not the statement was correct.
- Can be used to clarify, amplify, or highlight an idea.
- Helps other students follow along.

Revising

"Would anyone like to share how their thinking has changed?



- Allow students to revise their thinking as they gain new insights from the discussion.
- Provides an opportunity for students to self-correct or make sense of someone else's reasoning.

