**Language Frames for 7 Key Academic Conversation Skills**

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| **State an Idea*** One way to look at this is …
* Based on \_\_\_, I think …
* This reminds me of …
* What do you think about the possibility that … ?
 | **Support Ideas** **With Evidence & Examples*** In paragraph \_\_\_, the author says …
* According to …
* For instance …
* An example of this is …
 | **Elaborate** * I think it means …
* In other words, …
* This is important because …
* It’s similar to …
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| **Build On or Challenge Ideas****Build On** * I want to expand on your point about …
* I want to follow up on \_\_\_’s idea…

**Challenge** * Another way to look at this could be …
* Although \_\_\_ makes a good point about \_\_\_, I think \_\_\_ because ...
 | **Clarify & Ask Questions*** What do you mean when you say … ?
* Can you tell me more about … ?
* Can you explain your thinking about … ?
* What do you think about … ?
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| **Synthesize*** The main theme / point seems to be …
* As a result I / we think …
* What if we …
* The evidence seems to suggest ...
 | **Paraphrase*** Let me see if I understand you…
* In other words…
* Essentially, you think…
* It sounds like you’re saying…
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