Language for Academic Discussions

1. Stating Opinions
In my opinion, __.
I (firmly, strongly) believe that __.
I think __ because __.
From my perspective, __.
From my point of view, __.
My opinion on this (issue, topic) is __.

2. Drawing Conclusions
Drawing from experience, I know that __.
My experience with __ indicates that __.
The data suggests that __.
Based on __, I assume that __.
After reading __, I conclude that __.
My analysis of __ leads me to believe that __.

3. Elaborating on Ideas
For (example/instance), __.
A relevant example I heard/read was __.
I have observed that __.
One convincing reason is that __.
A compelling reason is that __.
I experienced this when __.

4. Comparing Ideas
My idea is similar to (Name’s).
My response is similar to (Name’s).
My stance is comparable to (Name’s).
My response is different from (Name’s).
My approach is different from (Name’s).

5. Agreeing
I agree with (Name) that __.
I completely agree with (Name) that __.
I share your perspective.
I can see your point of view.
My idea builds upon (Name’s).

6. Disagreeing
I don’t quite agree.
I disagree completely.
I disagree somewhat.
I have a different perspective.
I don’t share your point of view.

Language for Collaboration

1. Requesting Ideas
What should we write?
What do you think makes sense?
What’s your idea/opinion?
Do you have a suggestion?
Do you have anything to add?

2. Suggesting Ideas
We could write __.
What if we put __.
I think __ would work well.
We could consider writing __.
I think we should add __.

3. Validating Ideas
That would work.
That makes sense.
That’s a great (idea/suggestion).
That’s an interesting example.
I share your point of view.

4. Deciding On Ideas
Let’s write __.
I’d like to put __.
Let’s (use/write/put/add) __.
I think __ is the best __.
Let’s combine ideas and put __.

5. Clarifying Ideas
I don’t quite understand your __.
In other words, you are saying that __.
What do you mean by __?
So, you think we should __?
Are you suggesting __?

6. Restating Ideas
So, you said that __.
So, you think that __.
So, your idea is that __.
So, your opinion is that __.
So, you’re saying that __.

7. Reporting Ideas
We decided (upon/that) __ because __.
One (fact, reason) we considered is __.
Based on __, we determined that __.
After reviewing __, we concluded that __.
Our (response/conclusion/solution) is __.

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