

# GOALS AND INSTRUCTOR MOVES FOR PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION

So you want to lead an evidence-based meaning-making discussion? Have a goal(s) in mind and questions that match your goal(s).

# **Goals and Prompts**

#### Goal 1: Ignite interest and fan the flames of discussion.

#### 1. Stimulate curiosity

- Ask broad questions of interest to learners, connect to their related prior knowledge.
- Judiciously (only when necessary) introduce content that promotes further discussion.

# What makes you think that?

Goal 4: Help learners deepen their reasoning.

• What's your evidence?

6. Ask for evidence or reasoning

### 7. Challenge or counterexample

- Does it always work that way?
- How does that idea square with Sonia's example?
- Do you know if raccoons are active during the daytime?

# Goal 2: Help individuals share, expand, and clarify their own thinking.

#### 2. Time to think

- Partner Talk, Turn & Talk
- Writing as Think Time, Think-Pair-Share
- Wait Time

#### 3. Sav more

- Can you say more about that?
- What do you mean by ?
- Can you give an example? What's your evidence?

# 4. So, are you saying \_\_\_\_?

• Let me see if I understand what you're saying\_\_\_?
(Always leave space for the original learner to agree or disagree and say more.)

#### Goal 5: Help learners think with others.

#### 8. Agree/Disagree and why?

- Do you agree/disagree? Why?
- What do people think about what lan just said?
- Does anyone want to respond to that idea?

#### 9. Add-On

- Who can add on to the idea that Jamal is building?
- Can anyone take that suggestion and push it a little further?

#### 10. Share another's thinking

- Who can restate what Esmeralda means?
- Why do you think Tiffany said that?

# Goal 3: Help learners listen carefully to one another.

#### 5. Can someone rephrase or repeat that?

- Who can repeat what Javon just said or say it in their own words?
- Does anyone have evidence to support what Felicia just said?