

# DISCUSSION ROLES

## INSTIGATOR

Starts the discussion or opens up a new topic for discussion.

Will say:

I would like to start by saying ...  
I think we should consider ...  
We haven't yet talked about ...  
Let's also think about ...



## PROBER

Digs deeper into the argument, asks for evidence or justification of ideas.

Will say:

What do you think would be the effect of ... ?  
Why do you think ... ?  
Can you provide an example to support what you are saying?



## CHALLENGER

Give reasons to disagree or presents an alternative argument.

Will say:

I disagree with you because ...  
You mentioned ... but what about ...  
I understand your point of view, but what about ... ?



## CLARIFIER

Simplifies and makes things clearer by asking questions.

Will say:

What do you mean when you say ... ?  
Can you explain a bit more about ... ?  
Does that mean ... ?  
Please can you clarify what you meant by ... ?



## SUMMARISER

Identifies the main ideas from discussion. This might be during the discussion, to help move the conversation forward, or at the end.

Will say:

Overall, the main points were ...  
The main ideas raised today were ...  
Our discussion focused on ...



## BUILDER

Develops, adds to or runs with an idea.

Will say:

I agree, and would like to add ...  
Building on that idea, I think ...  
Linking to what ... said, I think ...

