



## Language Strategies: Reporting Ideas

### Expressing an Opinion

I think/believe that . . .  
It seems to me that . . .  
In my opinion . . .

### Asking for Clarification

What do you mean?  
Will you explain that again?  
I have a question about that.

### Soliciting a Response

What do you think?  
We haven't heard from you yet.  
Do you agree?  
What answer did you get?

### Individual Reporting

\_\_\_\_\_ shared with me that . . .  
\_\_\_\_\_ pointed out to me that . . .  
\_\_\_\_\_ emphasized that . . .  
\_\_\_\_\_ indicated that . . .

### Disagreeing

I don't agree with you because . . .  
I got a different answer than you.  
I see it another way.

### Affirming

That's an interesting idea.  
I hadn't thought of that.  
I see what you mean.



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### Predicting

I guess/predict/imagine that . . .  
Based on . . . , I infer that . . .  
I hypothesize that . . .

### Paraphrasing

So you are saying that . . .  
In other words, you think . . .  
What I hear you saying is . . .

### Acknowledging Ideas

My idea is similar to/related to \_\_\_\_\_'s  
idea.  
I agree with (a person) that . . .  
My idea builds upon \_\_\_\_\_'s idea.

### Partner and Group Reporting

We decided/agreed that . . .  
We concluded that . . .  
Our group sees it differently.  
We had a different approach.

### Offering a Suggestion

Maybe we could . . .  
What if we . . .  
Here's something we might try.

### Holding the Floor

As I was saying . . .  
If I could finish my thought . . .  
What I was trying to say was . . .