

Accountable Talk Stems: Cubing Activity

1. Create

What is your idea?

One idea could be ...

How can we combine these ideas?

My hypothesis is ...

2. Negotiate

What is your opinion?

I see it a different way...
I respectfully disagree ...

Which idea has the strongest evidence from the text?

The evidence is...

3. Fortify

Where does it say that?

In the text it said that ...

Can you give an example from the text?

For example, ...

4. Clarify

What does that mean?

In other words...
I think it means ...

I understand the part about ..., but I want to know ...

In other words, you are saying ...

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