Language Strategies for Academic Interaction

Expressing an Opinion
I think/believe that
In my opinion
From my perspective
From my point of view

Drawing Conclusions
Based on my experience, it seems that
The data suggests that
Based on __, I assume that
After reading __, I conclude that

Agreeing
I agree with (a person) that
I share your point of view.
My perspective/experience is similar to _'s.
My idea builds upon _'s.

Disagreeing
I don't quite agree.
I disagree (somewhat, completely).
I see it differently.
I have a different point of view.

Asking for Clarification
What do you mean by __?
Will you explain that again?
I have a question about __.
I don't quite understand __ (the directions).

Paraphrasing
So what you are saying is that
In other words, you think
If I understand you correctly,
    your opinion/suggestion is that

Reporting a Partner's Idea
__ indicated that
__ pointed out to me that
__ emphasized that
__ shared with me that

Reporting a Group's Idea
We decided/agreed/determined that
We concluded that
Our group sees it differently.
We had a different approach.

Soliciting a Response
What do you think?
We haven't heard from you yet.
Do you agree?
What are your thoughts?

Holding the Floor
As I was saying
What I was trying to say was
If I could finish my thought
I'd like to complete my thought.

Offering a Suggestion
Maybe we could try __.
You/We might think about __.
You/We might consider trying __.

Interjecting an Idea
Can I say something?
Can I add an idea?
I have another approach/idea.