

Talk Moves

Let's discuss!

In-Person or with Safety Measures in Place

1. Talk moves are sentence starters to help students comfortably engage in conversation and to draw others into the conversation.
2. Talk Move sentence starters could be any of the following:
 - a. I would like to add on to what ___ said . . .
 - b. I agree with _____ because . . .
 - c. I disagree with _____ because . . .
 - d. This is true because . . .
 - e. I heard you say ...
3. The teacher can provide students with a list of Talk Move sentence starters on a card to use during the conversation.
4. The teacher could ask students to tally each time they use a Talk Move prompt in a group conversation.
5. This will help students self-monitor their use of Talk Moves and their level of engagement in a group conversation.

Online Learning

1. Talk moves can be used during Zoom discussions either whole group or in smaller groups using break out rooms.
2. Teacher can provide the Talk Move prompts using a card or slide accessed from their digital platform such as StudentVue, Google Classroom, Seesaw, Teams, etc.
3. These prompts can be referenced by students during their discussion.
4. Students can tally each time they use a Talk Move prompt to help them self-monitor their use of Talk Moves and engagement in a group discussion.
5. Another option is to use a virtual wheel set up with Talk Move prompts.
6. The teacher can utilize the wheel via screen sharing in Zoom.
7. Students then use the selected prompt during the discussion.
8. Use the following link to access the virtual wheel with prompts: t.ly/tuSi