

# FEATURES OF ACCOUNTABLE TALK

1. Accountability to the **Learning Community**, involves :
  - Careful listening to each other
  - Using and building on each other's ideas
  - Paraphrasing and seeking clarification
  - Respectful disagreement
  - A commitment to the conversation and to developing the group's understanding
2. Accountability to **Accurate Knowledge**, involves:
  - Being as specific and accurate as possible
  - Resisting the urge to say "anything that comes to mind"
  - Getting the facts straight
  - Challenging questions that demand evidence for claims
3. Accountability to **Rigorous Thinking** involves:
  - Building arguments
  - Linking claims and evidence (facts) in logical ways
  - Working to make clear statements
  - Checking the quality of claims and arguments

