

Accountable Talk

- *How did you figure out that answer?
- *What were you thinking (mathematically) as you figured out that problem?
- *Tell me more about what you were thinking.
- *Do you agree or disagree with ____? Why or why not?
- *Can you repeat what ____ said?
- *Who can add on to what was said?
- *Why do you think that?
- *Say more about what you mean.
- *How does that connect to...?
- *Could you explain your answer?
- *What did you mean when you said...?
- *Is there another way to solve the problem?
- *I have a different opinion, ...
- *I would like to add to that.
- *I also noticed...
- *What is your evidence?
- *Did everyone hear that?
- *So are you saying...?
- *I have something to add...
- *Say more... We can wait
- *I agree with you because...
- *Where do you see that?
- *I would like to add to what ____ said.
- *Something else I noticed is...
- *I agree with what ____ said because...
- *Who can add to what ____ just said?
- *It sounds like we're all saying the same thing...
Does anyone have anything new to add?
- *I'd like to hear what ____ has to say.
- *Are there any other opinions?
- Where do you find that?
- *Where do you see that?
- *Why do you think that?

Thinking Questions

Analyzing

- How could you break down...?
- What are the parts of...?
- What qualities/characteristics...?

Applying

- How is ____ an example of ...?
- What practical applications...?
- What examples...?
- How could you use...?
- How does this apply to...?
- In your life, how would you apply...?

Augmenting/Elaborating

- What ideas might you add to...?
- What more can you say about...?
- How could you improve...?

Categorizing/Classifying/Organizing

- How might you classify...?
- What category does ____ belong to? Why?
- What else could you add to this category?
- How else could you organize...?

Comparing/Contrasting

- How would you compare...?
- What similarities...?
- What are the differences between...?
- How is ____ like ____?
- How is ____ different from ____?

Connecting/Associating

- What do you already know about...?
- What connections can you make between...?
- What things do you think of when you think of...?

Decision Making

- What are the pluses and minuses of choosing...?
- What would be a better decision...? Why?

Defining

- How would you define...?
- In your own words, what is...?

Describing/Summarizing

- How could you summarize...?
- If you were a reporter, how would you describe...?

Determining Cause/Effect

- What are the causes of ...?
- How does ___ effect ___?
- What impact might...?

Drawing Conclusions/Inferring Consequences

- What conclusions can you draw from...?
- What would happen if ...?
- What would have happened if...?
- If you changed____, what might happen?

Eliminating

- What part of ___ might you eliminate?
- How could you get rid of___?

Evaluating/Assessing

- What is your opinion about...?
- Why did you like or dislike...?
- What is your favorite...? Why?
- Do you agree or disagree with...? Why?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of ...?
- By what criteria would you assess...?

Explaining

- How could you explain why...?
- What reasons might explain...?
- What are some alternative explanations for ...?

Experimenting

- How could you test...?
- What experiment could you do to...?

Generalizing

- What general rule can...?
- What principle could you apply...?
- What is common to all...?

Interpreting

- What does ___ mean to you?
- What is the significance of ...?
- What role...?

Investigating

- How could you find out more about...?
- If you wanted to know about...?

Making Analogies/Similes/Metaphors

- How is ___ like ___?
- What similarities do ___ and ___ share?

Observing

- What did you notice about...?
- What observations did you make about...?
- What changes...?

Patterning

- What patterns can you find...?
- How would you describe the organization of ...?
- If the pattern were to continue...?

Planning

- What preparations would you...?
- How would you plan to ...?

Predicting/Hypothesizing

- What would you predict...?
- What is your theory about...?
- What are some possible explanations why...?
- If you were going to guess...?

Prioritizing

- What is more important...?
- How might you prioritize...?
- In what order would you rank...?

Problem Solving

- How would you approach the problem?
- What are some possible ways to solve...?

Questioning

- What questions do you have about...?
- If you could ask a question of...?

Reducing/Simplifying

- In a word/sentence, how would you describe...?
- How can you simplify...?

Reflecting/Metacognition

- What were you thinking when...?
- How has your thinking changed on...?
- How could you describe what you thought about...?

Relating

- How is ___ related to ___?
- What is the relationship between...?

Sequencing

- How could you sequence...?
- What steps are involved in...?

Substituting

- What else could you use for/instead of...?
- What is another way you could...?

Symbolizing

- How could you express it with a drawing/symbol/song/movement/poem?

Synthesizing

- How could you combine/put together...?