



5 Steps Towards Building **ACCOUNTABLE TALK**

Accountable talk is taking ownership of your choices and responsibilities. Here are tips to help you succeed in learning and establish skills for future endeavors.

Agree: We are on the same page.

- I agree with . . .because. . .
- I feel the same way because. . .
- I agree, but I also think. . .
- I agree with your point because
- *Demonstrate that you were listening
- *Repeat or summarize what a person said
- *Validate their opinion by actively listening to them.



Disagree: Not sure about that.

- I disagree with. . . because. . .
- I respectfully disagree . . .
- I see your point. . .however, . . .
- *Use facts from your conversation and reading to make your point.
- *Be respectful of a different opinion.
- *Make sure it is not personal--only material.



Add on: Great Point AND. . .

- I'd like to add on to _____'s thinking
- I'd like to piggyback off of . . .
- I can connect with . . .
- What a great point you make and . . .
- *Give credit to the good point.
- *Make sure your add on is valuable and actually adds on
- *Be respectful of time. Don't repeat, just add on.



Explain: Love to learn more

- Where did you find that answer?
- Can you prove that idea with textual evidence?
- Can you show or explain it a different way?
- How did you come to that conclusion?
- *It is okay to ask questions, that helps everyone's learning.
- *Be respectful with your tone.



Clarify: I'm not sure I understand

- I'm confused about. . .
- I have a questions about. . .
- Will you sat that part again. . .
- Do you mind clarifying this specific point. . .
- *If you do not understand, please ask for more info.
- *Maybe the person does not know they were confusing.
- *Be specific with your question so the answer is clear.

