

Argumentation Language Frames

Making a Claim	I observed _____ when _____. I compared _____ and _____. I noticed _____ when _____. The effect of _____ on _____ is _____.
Providing Evidence	The evidence I use to support _____ is _____. I believe _____ [statement] because _____ [justification]. I know that _____ is _____ because _____. Based on _____, I think _____. Based on _____, my hypothesis is _____.
Asking for Evidence	I have a question about _____. Does _____ have more _____? What causes _____ to _____? Can you show me where you found the information about _____?
Offering a Counterclaim	I disagree _____ because _____. The reason I believe _____ is _____. The facts that support my idea are _____. In my opinion, _____. One difference between my idea and yours is _____.
Inviting Speculation	I wonder what would happen if _____. I have a question about _____. I wonder why _____. What caused _____? How would this be different if _____? What do you think will happen if _____ / next?
Reaching Consensus	I agree _____ because _____. How would this be different if _____? We all have the same idea about _____.

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