

When you don't know what to say... Sentence Starters for Discussions



Relate to Personal Experience:

1. If I were _____, I would _____ because _____.
2. I am a lot like _____ because _____.
3. This scene in the novel reminds me of _____.
4. I would like to be like _____ because he/she _____.
5. My experience is similar/different because _____.
6. I understand how you feel because _____.
7. If I could introduce one character to my family or friends, it would be _____.

Go to the Text

1. What evidence do you have from the book that leads you to believe that _____?
2. How do you know that _____?
3. Can you show me where it says _____?
4. Remember the part when _____?
5. The author creates conflict when _____.

Ask a Question:

1. What do you mean when you say _____?
2. Why do you think that _____?
3. Can you give an example?
4. Why does _____ do _____?
5. I think _____ is confusing because _____.
6. If I could ask _____ one question, this would be my question:
7. Why does the author _____?

Express an Opinion:

1. I agree that _____ because _____.
2. I think that _____ because _____.
3. I disagree with _____'s actions because _____.
4. I like the way the author uses _____ because _____.
5. If _____ had not done _____, I think _____.
6. I like _____, because _____.
7. I would be embarrassed to introduce _____ to my family because _____.
8. I want to tell the author of the story that _____.
9. I just hate that _____ because _____.

Speculate:

1. If I could change anything in the story I would change _____ because _____.
2. I wonder if _____.
3. I wish that _____.
4. I would like to give the following advice to _____:
5. If only _____ had _____ I think he/she would have _____.