



Discussion Strategies

Interrupting

Sometimes when we are discussing a topic, we need to clarify what the other person is saying before they finish.

These are some phrases you can use to interrupt.

Excuse me. (polite)

Could I say something?

Wait a minute. (familiar or strong)

Can I say one thing?

Can I ask something?

But _____.

Others:

Activity: With in groups of three. Choose a topic. Tell your partners about it. Also listen to your partners and interrupt them. Each partner takes a turn talking about one of the topics below.

1. Tell about a time when someone was angry with you.
2. Tell about a time when you won a prize or sporting event.
3. Tell about what you did yesterday.
4. Tell about your favorite childhood toy.
5. Tell about your favorite pet.
6. Tell about your first boyfriend or girlfriend.