

## Green River Community College - ESOL Level 6 - Listening/Speaking

### REVIEW: Participation and Helping Lead a Discussion



#### Participation:

- Actively engage yourself in conversation – never sit back and stay quiet
- Volunteer to answer – “I’ll start...” “Can I answer that?”
- Appropriately respond to what others are saying – verbal and nonverbal
- Pay attention/show interest when others are speaking
- Use discussion strategies

#### Reminders:

- If you haven’t gotten the chance to share about a topic and your group moves on to a new topic, practice interrupting politely.

*Example-* “I’m sorry to interrupt. Can I say something before we move on to the next topic/question?”

- When you want the person to explain more, ask for more details or follow-up questions.

*Example-* “I’m not familiar with *The Beatles*. Could you tell me what/who that is?”

#### Helping Lead a Discussion:

- Make sure everyone gets a chance to speak – “What about you?”  
“*Mary*, what do you think?” “Do you agree with her/him?”  
“Does anyone else have anything to say?”
- Help others to explain – “Do you mean \_\_\_\_\_?” “I understand, you saying \_\_\_\_\_.”  
“I think what *Mary* is trying to say is \_\_\_\_\_, right?”
- Know when and how to change topics (if needed and appropriately) –  
“So...” “How about the next topic/question...”  
“If there are no other questions or comments, let’s move on to the next topic.”
- Ask follow-up questions to other group member’s answers to keep the conversation going

