

Language of a Mentor

Paraphrasing—I heard; let me see if I understand.

In other words...

What I'm hearing, then,...

From what I hear you say...

I'm hearing many things...

As I listen to you I'm understanding...

Clarifying Questions—I heard, but I'm not sure or I would like to know more...

Would you tell me more about...?

Let me see if I understand...

I'd be interested in hearing more...

So, are you saying...?

Tell me what you mean when you...

It would help me understand if you give me an example...

Mediational Questions—Invites thinking such as: hypothesizing, analyzing, comparing, predicting, evaluating, and reflecting.

What's another way you might...?

What would it look like if...?

What do you think would happen if...?

When have you done something like this before...?

How did you decide...?

What do you think...?

Suggestions—I'd like to offer you an idea with a rationale.

One thing I've learned / noticed is....

A couple of things to keep in mind are ...

What I know about _____ is...

Because you want _____, something you might consider trying is... or...

Sometimes it's helpful if _____ because...

Some teachers I know have tried a couple different things in this sort of situation and maybe one might work for you...

A few possibilities are... Which one might work for you?