



Speaking Template Phrases

These are helpful 'templates' that encourage mentees to speak up:

Advocacy:

1. I would like to add to what you've just said.
2. In my experience... / What I've seen is that...
3. Let me explain my reasoning behind this...
4. What if we tried...
5. My concerns about that have to do with...

Advocacy/Turn-Taking:

6. Can I just jump in here for a second?

Clarification:

7. Let me see if I understand you correctly.
8. What I was intending to say was that...

Clarification/Polite Contradiction:

9. My understanding/experience is that...

Inquiry:

10. Tell me more about that.
11. What are your thoughts about X?
12. I was wondering if anyone else has seen this?
13. Help me understand...
14. Could you talk a little bit about how what you've just described relates to Y?
15. Are you familiar with? / I'm not familiar with...