PROMPT IDEAS 1

PHRASE	Meaning / Function	Example(s)
1 Telling better stories		
“I remember there was one time, I...”	Introducing a story	“I remember there was one time I went hiking with my friends, and we got lost in the woods for hours before finally finding our way back.” “I remember there was one time I tried to bake a cake for my mom’s birthday, but I accidentally used salt instead of sugar!”
2 “Driving the Bus”, linking, organizing, structuring		
“Looking at...”	Move the focus to something or to shift perspective of the argument	"Looking at the broader picture, it becomes clear that our individual actions can significantly impact global issues like climate change." "Looking at happiness as a state of mind helps us find joy in everyday moments."
3 Agreeing & Disagreeing		
“I couldn’t agree with you more!”	A way to express complete agreement with the other person	"When you said that reading helps improve our language skills, I couldn’t agree with you more!" "I couldn’t agree with you more! A good diet and regular exercise are key to maintaining a healthy lifestyle."

4 An IF starter….

“If we look closely, then we will see that...”	The idea is to introduce the idea that the details change our perception of what is happening	"If we look closely, then we will see that our feelings can change how we see the world." "If we look closely, then we will see that the opposite is actually true”

5 Conversational management: verbal nods, buying time etc

“Wow, that’s a great question!”	This is a great way to give you time to think about your answer.	“Wow, that’s a great question! I think the best thing to do would be…”
	Alternatives: That’s an interesting/difficult question.	“Wow, that’s a great question! If we look at the typical...”

6 Idiom: Instant philosophy

“ A blessing in disguise”	Something good that seemed bad at first.	"Losing my job was tough, but it turned out to be a blessing in disguise because I found a better career." "Getting lost during our trip seemed bad at first, but it was a blessing in disguise because we discovered a beautiful hidden village."

7 Other

"I don’t know what to..."	This is a why to elicit advice from the other person. You typically continue by describing you problem	"I don’t know what to do about the maths problem; it seems really difficult!" "I don’t know what to say to my friend who is feeling sad;

7 Other

I want to help but..."