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

- In other words...
- What I'm hearing, then is...
- 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 of things in this sort of situation and maybe one might work for you...
- A few possibilities are_____, which one might work for you?