



Thinking Phrases

You might consider identifying some key phrases to introduce to students, perhaps displaying them for student's reference as a way to extend their range of language. Consider which structures they use to discuss thinking they have been doing, e.g. Timed Pair Share, RoundRobin etc.

Here are some examples:

"I think this because....."

"Another reason for this is....."

"As I did this, I was thinking about....."

"If..... then....."

"What I have learned is....."

"The most difficult part was....."

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"I found the strategy helpful because....."

"At first we thought..... But later"

"Although I thought 'Sam' made the point that....."

"We couldn't agree about..... But eventually decided....."

"We found Puzzling because....."

"We had to change our ideas because....."

"It didn't make sense until we"

"What made the difference was when"

"There were three components to the task....."

"We tried three different ways of before."

"When we compared our ideas with....."