

Partner Talk Prompts

Helper

I disagree because...

What makes you think that....?

What if...?

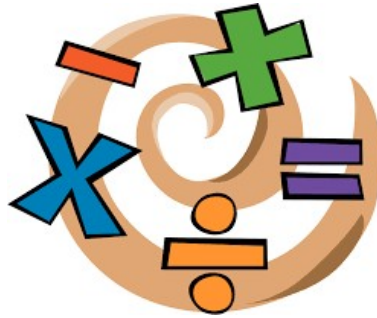
Why did you choose that strategy?

Another strategy you could use is...

Can you explain how you got that?

How do you know your answer is correct?

What was the first thing your eyes saw?



Worker

For the Worker, this time is mostly about sharing their thinking aloud so they can check their logic and practice articulating a strategy. It's not about adding a lot of words. Whatever they do to solve the problem should be shared aloud.

To begin with, try having the Worker state the problem and answer just to get them used to talking while solving.

Next, they could use one of these prompts to do a little deeper:

I know the answer is.....Because...

The strategy I used was....

I solved the problem by....

How do I... ?

Ultimately, you just want it to be more natural where they are just sharing their thinking aloud. Whenever they pause to think, encourage them to say what they are thinking.

Examples:

If they used this strategy	To solve this problem	You should hear
Counting on	$5 + 3$	"5, 6, 7, 8"
Double + 1	$6 + 7$	"6 doubled is 12 and then I need to add one more. So the answer is 13."
Decomposing	$12 - 5$	"I'm going to break the 5 into 2+3. I'll take the 2 away from 12 to get 10. Then I need to take 3 more away from 10, so the answer is 7."
Fact Family	$12 - 5$	"I know $7 + 5 = 12$, so 7 is the part missing. That's the answer."