

Vocabulary of Discussion

hear	understand
think	persuade
ask	insist
tell	concentrate
listen	opinion
find out	describe
reason	remember
share	argue
repeat	disagree
decide	discuss
agree	interrupt
co-operate	sympathise
collaborate	confirm
believe	differ
trust	value



Establishing group talk rules

Give a traffic light code for each statement

Green = good idea Red = not a good idea Yellow = not sure

	Traffic light
We will take turns to talk and to listen	
Everyone will talk as loudly as they can	
We will ask people for reasons	
No one can change their mind	
We will share all our thoughts	
Everyone must do what the leader says	
If you don't agree with someone you can ignore them	
We will keep ideas to ourselves so no one can copy	
The person who is writing chooses what happens	
The person who is speaking decides who speaks next	
Whoever has the best idea can be in charge	

Which talk rules will you make for your group?

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