

# Collaborative Discussions and Effective Communication

## Today's Standard

9-10.SL.1 - Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9-10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Classroom debates on current events; Group projects where students must discuss and present findings; Peer reviews of written assignments; Book club-style discussions on assigned readings; Mock interviews or role-playing exercises

## Today I Learned

Today, we learned about how to have good conversations with others. We talked about how to listen, share our ideas, and work together.

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Some kids think that talking a lot means they are doing a good job. But it's also important to listen to others. Some kids think they have to agree with everyone to have a good conversation. But it's okay to have different ideas, as long as we talk about them nicely.

### Quiz Me

- What should you do when someone else is talking?
- Is it okay to have different ideas from your friends?
- What does it mean to listen actively?
- How can you show that you are listening?
- Why is it important to share your ideas clearly?

# Help Me

Having good conversations means we listen to others and share our ideas clearly. We can use these skills in school, with friends, and even when we grow up and get jobs.