

Communication

[The Main Idea: Summary of the book *Academic Conversations*](#)

This website can be downloaded as a PDF.

- Introduction and rationale for academic conversations
- Getting started with academic conversations
- Lesson activities for the five core academic conversation skills
- Desinging effective conversation tasks
- Training students for advanced conversations
- Teaching academic grammar and vocabulary through conversations
- Conversations in Language Arts
- Conversations in History
- Conversations in Science
- Academic conversation assessment

[Academic Language Literacy](#)

This website is focused on helping educators accelerate and deepen students' learning of academic language, literacy, and content understandings in all classrooms.

[Accountable Talk](#)

Like the phrase goes, "In order to really understand something, you need to try to teach it," the Accountable Talk strategy believes talking with others about ideas and work is fundamental to learning. Talk must be responsive, accurate and requires rigorous thinking in order to have a positive impact on learning.

[The Student-Centered Classroom: Communicating What Matters](#)

Article from Edutopia

[Teaching your Students How to Have a Conversation](#)

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[Academic Conversations for Diverse Learners: The First Steps](#)

Tonia Miller shares information on how to get students having academic conversations.



[How to Start Academic Conversations](#)

Jeff Zwiers and Marie Crawford share an innovative technique that drags English language learners into academic discussions.

[Academic Conversations: Classroom Talk that Fosters Critical Thinking and Content Understandings](#)

You can download a free copy of Jeff Zweirs and Marie Crawford's book.