

Features of Conversations:

(with symbols and hand motions)

Come up with a worthy topic

Prompts for Using the Feature

Why do you think the author wrote this?

What are some themes that emerged in...?

Prompts for Responding

I think the author wrote it to teach us about ...

One theme might be...

Elaborate and clarify:

(pull hands apart)

Prompts for Using the Feature

Can you elaborate?

What do you mean by...?

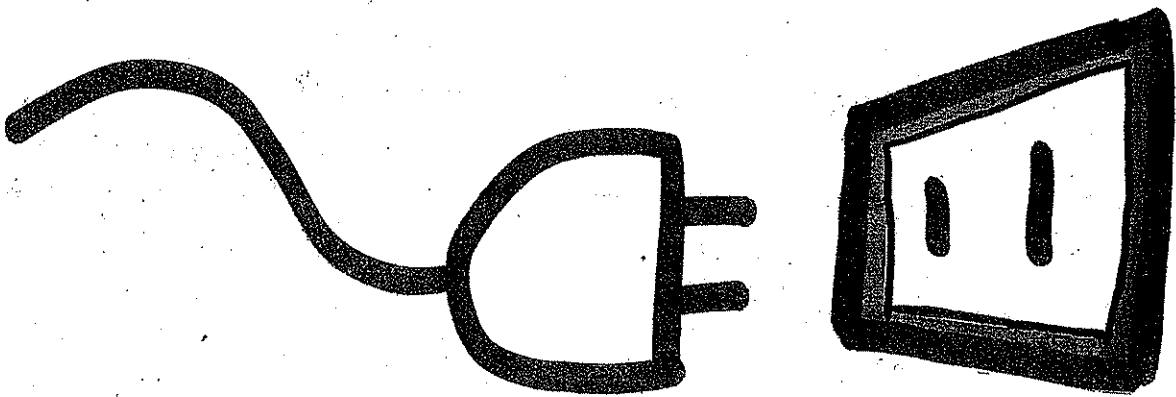
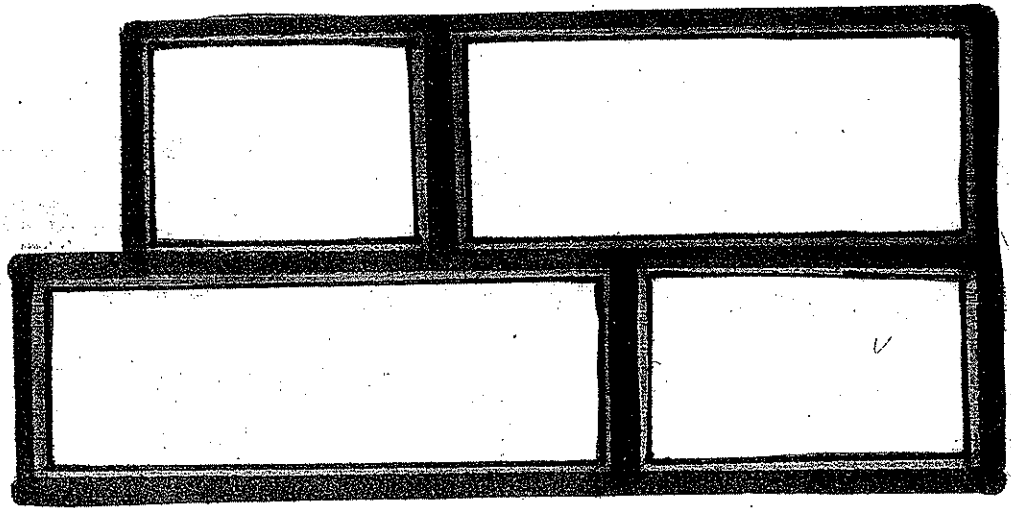
Can you tell me more about...?

What makes you think that?

Prompts for Responding

I think it means that ...

In other words ...



Build on or challenge another's idea (layer hands on each other + build up)

Prompts for Using the Feature

- What do you think?
- Can you add to this idea?
- Do you agree?
- What might be other points of view?

Prompts for Responding

- I would add that...
- Then again, I think that...
- I want to expand on your point about...

Apply / Connect

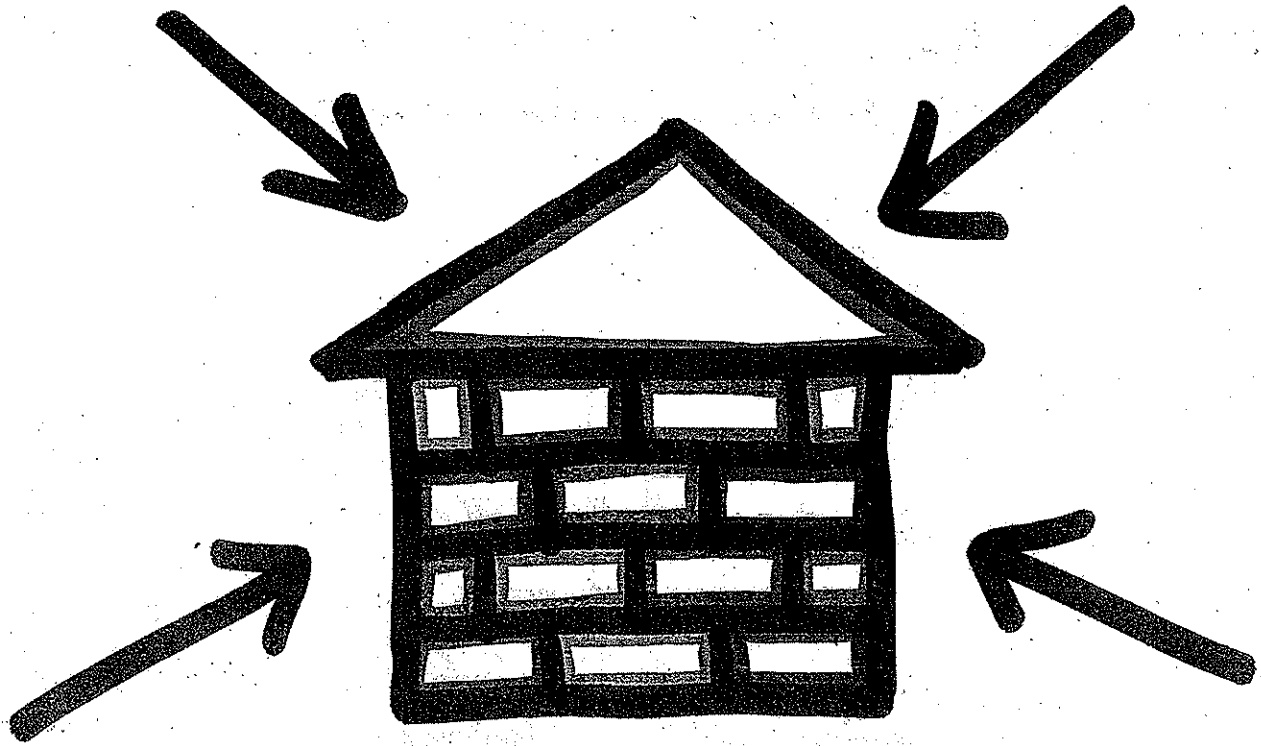
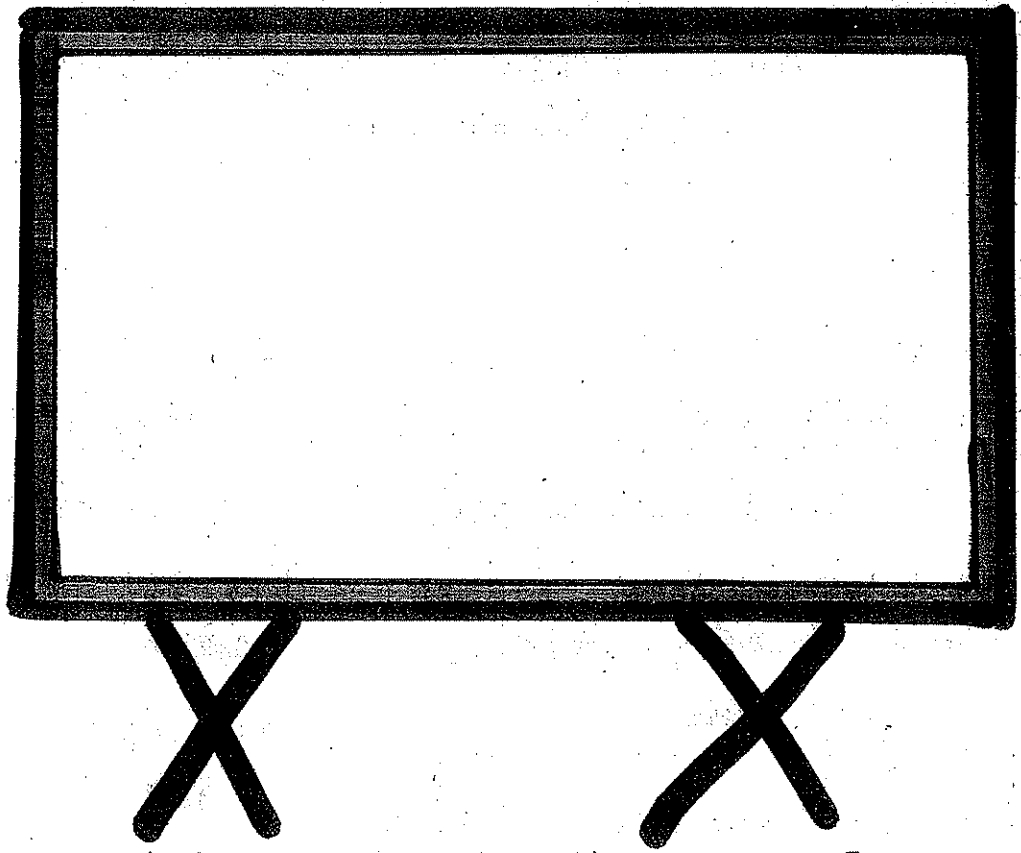
(hook both hands together)

Prompts for Using the Feature

- So how can we apply this idea to our lives?
- What can we learn from this character / part / story?
- If you were ...

Prompts for Responding

- In my life ...
- I think it can teach us ...
- If I were ..., I would have ...



Support ideas with examples

(index finger on pinky of other hand, palm up)

Prompts for Using the Feature

Can you give an example?

Can you show me where it says that?

Can you be more specific?

Are there any cases of that?

Prompts for Responding

For example...

In the text it said that...

One case showed that...

Paraphrase and summarize

(cup both hands into a ball)

Prompts for Using the Feature

What have we discussed so far?

How should we summarize what we talked about?

Prompts for Responding

We can say that...

The main theme/point of the text seems to be...