

Coaching Dialogue Protocol with Pre-Observation Stems

Validate

*Validation stems
acknowledge planning,
goals, and/or focus.*

Language Stems (Suggested & Non-exhaustive)

- I appreciate this opportunity to collaborate with you today.
- Our goal today is to discuss your upcoming lesson and/or observation.
- How does this lesson relate to previous lessons?

Stretch & Apply

*Stretch and Apply stems
move practice forward and
establish commitment to
next steps.*

Clarify

*Clarification stems are
designed to deepen
understanding and eliminate
confusion. These stems
determine areas of need and
potential areas for growth.*

Language Stems (Suggested & Non-exhaustive)

- Talk to me about how you will assess student learning.
- Share a little about how you will know that students have met their goals.
- I am curious about how this lesson will lead to the next lesson or unit.
- What concerns do you have as you plan for the lesson?
- Tell me about the type(s) of feedback that would be useful to you.
- Here are a couple of things you might consider trying.
- When is a convenient opportunity for us to connect and discuss this observation?

Language Stems (Suggested & Non-exhaustive)

- Share a little about what you want students to know and be able to do at the end of the lesson.
- Talk to me about the focus of the lesson.
- Talk a little about the instructional strategies you will use in the lesson (direct instruction, read-alouds, technology, lab, guided practice, etc.).
- Tell me what the lesson or unit looks like (scope and sequence).
- Talk about how you will check for student understanding.
- How can I give you feedback after the lesson?
- What strategies will you use to engage students?