

Discussion Example A

Student 1: I think that the President should pass more laws to protect the environment.

Student 2: That's a good idea.

Student 3: But, the President doesn't pass laws. Congress does.

Student 2: Don't be so mean! He was just suggesting an idea!

Student 1: Yeah! Mind your own business.

Student 3: I'm sorry. But, can't we talk about this issue? Maybe the President can ask Senators to make new laws.

Student 2: Okay. That's a better idea.

Student 1: I agree.

Discussion Example B

Jimmy: I think that companies pollute too much. What can we do to stop this?

Betty: I think we could send email messages to the leaders of each major company.

Angel: That might work, but what if they don't listen?

Jimmy: Email messages are the best idea. Let's do that.

Betty: Great! Which company do we want to contact first?

Angel: Guys! What about my question?

Jimmy: You're just a worrywart. Don't worry about that.

Betty: Yeah, Angel. Just do what we say, okay?

Discussion Example C

scistudent97: I think that the biggest issue with Water Quality is the amount of nitrates.

bballgrl12: Okay.

chessgeekRDU: Sounds good.

scistudent97: You guys don't have anything to add?

bballgrl12: Nope.

chessgeekRDU: Me neither.

scistudent97: Okay. Just copy what I write, then.

Discussion Example D

Antonio: Okay, team, let's take a look at these photos.

Tamia: This one looks interesting. It looks like they are trying to clean up some sort of spill. What do you guys think?

Celeste: Yeah, Tamia, I think you're right. I have a cousin who works for a company that cleans up old gas station tanks. I'll email him to find out some more info, okay?

Antonio: Okay. In the meantime, what should we do?

Tamia: How about if you and I look for some more photos to comment on?

Antonio: Sounds good.