


CHECKLIST: CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CLASSROOM DISCUSSION

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| Establish norms for classroom discussion. | |
| Use the most effective kind, type, and level of question. | |
| Listen with empathy to every student. | |
| Promote dialogue by listening for students' key ideas and restating them clearly when students' comments lack focus. | |
| Encourage students by frequently offering authentic praise. | |
| Suggest connections between ideas offered by students. | |
| Keep the conversation short enough to maintain student engagement and long enough to prompt meaningful reflection. | |