

Prompts That Support Mathematical Thinking

Effective	Less Effective
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Take some time to think. We can wait. ▪ So you're saying that... ▪ Can you repeat what he/she said in your own words? ▪ What can you add... ▪ Do you agree/disagree? Why/why not? ▪ Who has a different way of thinking about this? Can you share your thinking? ▪ Why did you choose to solve it this way? ▪ Say nothing. Just wait. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ That is not the answer. ▪ You did not use the correct rule. ▪ This is how you do it. ▪ Fix this. ▪ Nope. Wrong. Ughhh. (Groans) ▪ Let me show you (picking up pencil and doing the task for them). ▪ Didn't you learn this last year? ▪ What's the answer? ▪ Don't worry about why...just follow this rule.