



Oracy in the Classroom: Progression in Language Structures

EYFS	
Agreement and Disagreement	He / She didn't share / take turns I want to..... I like..... I don't like..... I think..... <i>Why?</i> I think..... <i>What do you think?</i> I don't think..... <i>Why do you think this?</i> It is..... It's not..... Yes because..... No because..... I like..... I don't like.....
Comparing and Contrasting	It is the same because... It looks the same because... It feels the same because... It tastes the same because... It sounds the same because... It is different / They are different because... It is not the same. This is.....and that is.....

Deduction: Making an assumption based on prior knowledge	It will.....because..... I think I will..... I think.....because..... It is.....because..... It has.....because..... <i>Why do you think this is a? What can you see?</i> <i>Why did.....happen?</i> happened because.....
Describing	It is big / small (size) It is (shape name) It is a (shape name) It is soft / hard or hot / cold (texture / properties) It feels like..... It looks like..... It tastes like..... It sounds like..... It smells like..... It is the same because..... It is different because..... This looks like etc
Evaluative Talk	I made this train. <i>I like the way the wheels rotate</i> I've done this picture. <i>I can see you have put lots of detail in there, flowers, people, trees</i> I like this because..... I made this..... I did this..... I've done this...
Explanation including in a Mathematical context	I've got theone It's the same/ different It's the same number. They / We both have..... There is one more..... It's one less..... Another one..... I have more..... They/We have two each Altogether I have..... I think.....

Hypothesis: a suggestion that tries to explain something, based on evidence	<p><i>How do you know e.g. The porridge is hot?</i> It is.....because..... I think.....because..... It will.....because..... The.....is.....because..... <i>What do you think? What will happen if.....?</i></p>
Opinion	<p>I like / don't like..... It is good/nice/beautiful It is not nice <i>What do you think? I think.....</i> I think it will..... It will..... because..... I think..... because..... <i>I think that..... What do you think? What will happen if.....?</i></p>
Predicting	<p>I think it will..... <i>What do you think will happen? It will.....</i> The.....will..... The.....is going to..... This will.....because..... <i>What do you think will happen next? What will happen if.....</i></p>
Retelling: Events and storytelling	<p>First I..... First we..... Then..... After..... And then..... <i>What did you do first? Then what happened?happened first.</i> Next.....happened. Then.....happened. happened last. Next.....and.....happened. At the end.....happened. happened in the beginning. happened in the middle. happened in the end.</p>

Sequencing

First.....
Next.....
Then.....
After that.....and then.....
.....happened first.
Next.....happened.
Then.....happened.
.....happened last.
It is.....because.....

Y1	
Agreement and Disagreement	Yes because..... No because..... I like..... because..... I don't like..... because.... I agree with..... because..... It is right..... It is wrong.....
Comparing and Contrasting	They are the same because..... They are different because.....is.....and.....is..... They are alike because they are both.....
Deduction: Making an assumption based on prior knowledge	I think that..... I think thatbecause..... It is.....because.....happened because..... <i>What do you think happened?</i>
Describing	It is.....and..... The.....is.....and..... They are.....because..... It is a (adjective) / (noun)has have
Evaluative Talk	I found.....hard/easy because..... I like / dislike because..... I feel that..... Next time, I could..... In my opinion.....because.....
Explanation	I..... because..... When I.....because..... After I..... How ? Why? Where? When? <i>Sometimes incorporating sequence language structures.</i>

Explanation in a Mathematical context	I know.....because.....is in-between/after/before because.....comes before.....because.....comes after.....because..... So then..... The answer is.....because.....
Hypothesis: a suggestion that tries to explain something, based on evidence	I think.....because.....and..... I don't think.....because.....and.....will happen because.....
Opinion	I think..... I think.....because..... I like.....best because..... My partner thinks..... I agree because..... I disagree because.....
Predicting	I think..... I think.....because..... (<i>prior knowledge</i>) I predict.....will happen. They are the same because..... (<i>comparing</i>)
Retelling: Events and storytelling	My partner said..... Retelling stories – Once upon a time....; One day.....; Long ago..... <i>What happened next?</i>
Sequencing	First I will..... Next I would..... Then I..... After that I..... Finally I.....

Y2	
Agreement and Disagreement	No because..... Yes because..... I agree / disagree because..... I think..... because.... and also because..... However..... Also.....
Comparing and Contrasting	They are the same because..... They are similar because..... They are different because.... Is.....and.....is..... They are alike because they are both..... It feels different because this one..... and that one.....
Deduction: Making an assumption based on prior knowledge	Say <i>how the characters feel and explain why</i> . I think that.....because..... This happened.....because..... I know this..... <i>What do you think happened? How do you know that.....?</i>
Describing	It / This is.....and..... This has and The.....is.....and..... They are.....and..... I feel.....because..... This is a big, round, red, beach ball
Evaluative Talk	I think my..... /book is.....because..... Next time I could..... I found.....hard/easy because..... I like / dislike.....because..... It was interesting because.....I like this because..... I like the part where.....because..... What I found hard about this work was..... I found this piece of work hard/easy because...

Explanation	I.....because..... When Ibecause..... After I..... The.....because..... We/They.....because..... How..... Why..... Where..... When.....
Explanation in a Mathematical context	I started at 5 because the.....and.....are both..... I jumped on/up inbecause.....and.....are different in that..... This makes.....so I So then I.....because..... I know.....because.....
Hypothesis: a suggestion that tries to explain something, based on evidence	I think this.....because..... I know this, so I think This will happen because.....
Opinion	I think..... because..... I prefer.....because..... My partner thinks..... I agree/disagree because.....
Predictingsame.....similar.....different..... I think.....because..... I predict that.....because..... I think they will be alike because they are both.....
Retelling: Events and storytelling	My partner said..... First, Next, Then, After that, Finally... At last Suddenly <i>What happened next? What did...?</i>

Sequencing

First.....
Next.....
After that.....
Finally.....
Last of all.....

Y3	
Agreement and Disagreement	An argument for is.....because..... An argument against is.....because..... I understand however / due to / but / therefore I accept your decision however I feel / believe..... because / as / due / to.....
Comparing and Contrasting and.....are both..... and.....are alike in that..... and.....are similar because..... and.....are different in that..... is.....but.....is..... is.....but.....is..... is.....while.....is.....
Deduction: Making an assumption based on prior knowledge	I conclude that.....because..... I found that.....because..... As a result of..... I conclude that..... After looking at the data/information/results I conclude that..... On observing I found that.....
Describing	It looks/feels/sounds/smells like..... It appears to be.....because..... It seems to be.....as..... I think it looks like.....due to..... It reminds me of.....because / therefore / meanwhile..... <i>Why? How? What? Tell Me About...</i>
Evaluative Talk	I found this work.....because..... Next time I could/would..... Maybe you could try..... I feel that..... I enjoyed it because..... was successful / ambitious because..... You could improve this work by.....

Explanation	How..... Why..... Where..... When..... What..... After..... Then / As a result of / Later / because
Explanation in a Mathematical context	If you.....then..... First..... After that..... I knowbecause.....and..... are alike in that.....and.....are similar because.....is.....but.....is.....is.....while.....is..... When....., If....., So
Hypothesis: a suggestion that tries to explain something, based on evidence	Because I know that.....I know that..... Due to this.....I know that.....
Opinion	I agree/disagree because..... I appreciate/understand.....'s opinion because/as/due to..... However I feel.....because/as/due to..... My opinion/view is.....because/as/due to..... I believe.....because..... <i>What is your opinion</i> <i>How do you feel</i> <i>Why do you feel</i>
Predicting	I predict that.....because.....however/meanwhile/therefore/also..... I predict that.....after..... I predict that.....as a result of..... This is probable because.....and.....are different in that.....therefore as a result..... After.....I predict that..... The outcome will be.....because..... <i>What do you think? How did you come to that prediction?</i>

Retelling: Events and storytelling	Once upon a time..... Once there was..... As a result of..... Meanwhile..... I remember that..... Then this happened..... Later on..... Eventually Unfortunately..... Luckily..... During..... Lastly..... In the end..... To conclude / In conclusion.....
Sequencing	First.....because..... Next.....however..... Then.....therefore..... Finally/Eventually/Lastly.....because.....

Y4	
Agreement and Disagreement	An argument for is.....because..... An argument against is.....because..... I understand however / due to / but / therefore I accept your decision however I feel / believe..... because / as / due / to.....
Comparing and Contrasting and.....are both..... and.....are alike in that..... and.....are similar because..... and.....are different in that..... is.....but.....is..... is.....but.....is..... is.....while.....is.....
Deduction: Making an assumption based on prior knowledge	I conclude that.....because..... I found that.....because..... As a result of..... I conclude that..... After looking at the data/information/results I conclude that..... On observing I found that.....
Describing	It looks/feels/sounds/smells like..... It appears to be.....because..... It seems to be.....as..... I think it looks like.....due to..... It reminds me of.....because / therefore / meanwhile..... <i>Why? How? What? Tell Me About...</i>
Evaluative Talk	I found this work.....because..... Next time I could/would..... Maybe you could try..... I feel that..... I enjoyed it because..... was successful / ambitious because..... You could improve this work by.....

Explanation	How..... Why..... Where..... When..... What..... After..... Then / As a result of / Later / because
Explanation in a Mathematical context	If you.....then..... First..... After that..... I knowbecause.....and..... are alike in that.....and.....are similar because.....is.....but.....is.....is.....while.....is..... When....., If....., So
Hypothesis: a suggestion that tries to explain something, based on evidence	Because I know that.....I know that..... Due to this.....I know that.....
Opinion	I agree/disagree because..... I appreciate/understand.....'s opinion because/as/due to..... However I feel.....because/as/due to..... My opinion/view is.....because/as/due to..... I believe.....because..... <i>What is your opinion</i> <i>How do you feel</i> <i>Why do you feel</i>
Predicting	I predict that.....because.....however/meanwhile/therefore/also..... I predict that.....after..... I predict that.....as a result of..... This is probable because.....and.....are different in that.....therefore as a result..... After.....I predict that..... The outcome will be.....because..... <i>What do you think? How did you come to that prediction?</i>

Retelling: Events and storytelling	Once upon a time..... Once there was..... As a result of..... Meanwhile..... I remember that..... Then this happened..... Later on..... Eventually Unfortunately..... Luckily..... During..... Lastly..... In the end..... To conclude / In conclusion.....
Sequencing	First.....because..... Next.....however..... Then.....therefore..... Finally/Eventually/Lastly.....because.....

Y5	
Agreement and Disagreement	<p>In my opinion..... Should be banned. I have two main reasons for believing this.</p> <p>First of all, as I'm sure you'll agree,.....</p> <p>My second important reason for wanting to ban..... is that.....</p> <p>Perhaps some people would argue that.....</p> <p>However, I would point out that.....</p> <p>It is clear that a ban on.....would be a great step forward!</p>
Comparing and Contrasting	<p>In some ways....and.....are alike.</p> <p>For instance they both.....</p> <p>Another feature they have in common is that.....</p> <p>Furthermore they are both.....</p> <p>However they also differ in some ways.</p> <p>For example.....while.....</p> <p>Another difference is.....</p>
Deduction: Making an assumption based on prior knowledge	<p>The fact is..... In effect..... Given that.....then..... I deduce/deduct..... I have worked out..... In conclusion..... I conclude.....</p>
Describing	<p>It looks / tastes / feels / sounds / smells like</p> <p>It appears to be.....because.....</p> <p>It seems to be like.....because.....</p> <p>I think it looks like.....because.....</p> <p>It reminds me of.....because.....</p> <p><i>Why? How? What? Tell Me About....</i></p>
Evaluative Talk	<p>My view is that.....because.....</p> <p>This is supported by the fact that.....</p> <p>In my opinion.....furthermore.....</p> <p>However.....</p> <p>Possible improvements may include.....</p>

Explanation	Because of..... x happened For example..... In conclusion..... To begin with..... As a result of..... The reason(s) for.....
Explanation in a Mathematical context	I think the question means.....so the answer would be..... I know that.....therefore I would try out..... If the.....add up to.....then the total number must be..... Knowing this means we can work out what's missing!as a result ... /therefore..... The reason..... is that..... /is due to.....
Hypothesis: a suggestion that tries to explain something, based on evidence	It is true that..... Can we prove that..... In conclusion..... I would like to prove / disprove..... Perhaps the reason is
Opinion	Therefore / In my opinion / I believe He considers... It is my opinion that.....however others may/might believe.....
Predicting	I predict that..... I believe / I think.....might / or..... If..... Then..... has happened, therefore I think.....
Retelling: Events and storytelling	First, Next, Then, After that, Finally.... <i>What happened next? What did....?</i>
Sequencing	Meanwhile..... Following this / that..... In the beginning.....

Y6

Agreement and Disagreement	On the one hand.....but..... Convince me that..... I am convinced..... Given that.....
Comparing and Contrasting	In some ways.....and.....are alike. For instance they both..... Another feature they have in common is that..... Furthermore they are both..... However they also differ in some ways. For example.....while..... Another difference is that.....whereas..... Finally.....but..... The similarities/differences seem more significant than the similarities/differences because.....
Deduction: Making an assumption based on prior knowledge	The facts lead to..... Based on..... I have been lead to the conclusion that..... The evidence leads to..... Having considered..... This infers that.....
Describing	In comparison to..... <i>Idioms e.g. Peas in a pod</i> <i>Develop / Introduce metaphors and similes</i>
Evaluative Talk	My view is that..... In my opinion..... This is supported by the fact that..... Furthermore.....however..... Possible improvements may include..... Or alternatively.....

Explanationsuch as Due to.....x has / is..... In summary..... Owing to.....x has / is..... This has altered..... Evidently.....
Explanation in a Mathematical context	First I.....Then.....Next.....Finally..... I approached it methodically (by)..... I was systematic.....(when/because) I looked at the whole problem and broke it down into steps..... We could possibly.....or..... So far I have discovered/worked out that.....
Hypothesis: a suggestion that tries to explain something, based on evidence	Based on the evidence I have been presented with, I can conclude..... Taking everything into account..... Having analysed..... Having pondered..... If we accept this hypothesis, what else will be true? Given this, it is likely that
Opinion	Consequently / Based on fact / Because of my beliefs..... To hold the view / After consideration After / On reflection It is my understanding that..... The facts lead me to the conclusion that.....
Predicting	In light of.....I predict..... There is a high / low probability..... The chances of/The likelihood of/Due to the fact that/Upon consideration of the relevant factors
Retelling: Events and storytelling	First, Next, Then, After that, Finally.... <i>What happened next? What did....?</i> In summary..... The consequence of.....
Sequencing	Whilst X was..... Y was..... During X – Y happened. Initially the..... Were..... However.....

