

Start a Conversation

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Amusement Park	Roller-coaster
I'm going to Wild Adventures	I love coasters!
Your Turn	
Board Games	Clue: Dr. Orchid
Do you play board games? What kinds?	I play Clue with my friends. Dr. Orchid rocks!
Your Turn	

Supplemental Material S1. This figure shows two visual support cue card templates for starting a conversation. The left card (Bambara et al., 2016; Bambara, Cole, et al., 2018) shows blank lines where students or the instructor can write out conversation starters. The right card (Thomas, 2020) depicts squares where images of topic starters (left square) and topic expansions (right square) are placed. Text cues for starting or expanding conversation may be written under the images. “Your turn” signals a peer’s turn to start a conversation.

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