

Keep in mind that good class discussion involves more than speaking often.

A good discussant:

- is physically present
- initiates topics
- returns to points when they need further discussion
- discusses relevant, important issues
- avoids drifting to trivial points
- provides opinions, suggestions, and clarification
- asks for opinions, suggestions, and clarification
- provides information
- asks for information
- encourages others to speak
- respects the opinions of others
- relieves tensions
- shows agreement and disagreement
- avoids bogging down on a single point
- speaks loudly, clearly
- speaks in a respectful tone
- does not exhibit distracting mannerisms
- makes eye contact with the class, not just one or two people

Essentials of a Competent Communicator

Knowledge

Skills

Motivation