

# Yes, And...

## SENTENCE STARTERS

*Encourage curiosity. Strengthen collaboration. Build creative momentum, one sentence at a time...*

### Why Use “Yes, And...” in Class?

When students learn to say “Yes, and...” instead of “That won’t work,” everything shifts. These sentence starters help students stay open, build on each other’s ideas, and think more creatively, whether they’re working in groups, reflecting, or solving problems. It’s a simple tool that makes collaboration a whole lot smoother.

<b>FOR BUILDING IDEAS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Yes, and... what if we also...</li><li>★ Yes, and... maybe we could try it this way...</li><li>★ Yes, and... we could test both ideas!</li></ul>	<b>FOR REFLECTING + WONDERING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Yes, and... I wonder what would happen if...</li><li>★ Yes, and... how does that connect to what we did yesterday?</li><li>★ Yes, and... I’m thinking of it a little differently...</li></ul>
<b>FOR DISAGREEING RESPECTFULLY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Yes, and... here’s another way we might look at it...</li><li>★ Yes, and... that might work if...</li><li>★ Yes, and... let’s see if we can find a combo that works for both...</li></ul>	<b>FOR WHEN YOU’RE STUCK</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Yes, and... I could use help thinking through the next step.</li><li>★ Yes, and... I’m still trying to figure this part out.</li><li>★ Yes, and... maybe I can try a different way.</li></ul>

### Yes, And... Here Are Some Teacher Tips

Use this resource as:

- ★ a quick warm-up for creative thinking
- ★ a group work accountability tool
- ★ a language scaffold for SEL and PBL
- ★ a reflection prompt in journals or exit tickets
- ★ a team-builder in your next staff meeting (*yes, really!*)

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