Discourse Moves

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### Step 1: Go over the following discourse moves with your teacher.

| Move type | Explanation | Examples |
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| Open question | A question that cannot be answered with only a *Yes* or *No*. Usually begins with a *Wh~* question word. | *Why do you think that Japanese food is the best?* |
| Closed question | A question that can only be answered with a *Yes* or *No*. | *Can you cook any Japanese food?* |
| Reflective statement | A restatement of the other person’s  comment. | *So you think Japanese food is the best.* |
| Statement of mind | A reflection of your own views on  a topic. | *I think that English food is better.* |
| Declarative statement | A thought that occurs as a result of what the other person was saying. | *Many people enjoy eating Japanese food.* |
| Statement of interest | An expression of interest in what your partner just said. | *That’s interesting.* |
| Speaker referral | A reference to a previous statement of a different speaker. | *That is the same as Taro.* |
| Back-channeling | Active listening sounds, gestures, words, or silence. | *[Nodding] Yeah. Uh huh.* |

### Step 2: With a partner, add at least one more example for each discourse move.