### Standards Relating to Comprehension & Collaboration

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### Comprehension & Collaboration: Relevance and Essential Questions: What’s the point?

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<td>What makes a good group member? How does a listener know what to believe?</td>
<td>Good discussions depend on participants who have prepared ahead of time, ask thoughtful questions, and value the viewpoints of others, even when they disagree. Listeners should think critically about the information and arguments given by a speaker, rather than taking them at face value. Knowing a speaker’s motive can help determine how trustworthy their argument is.</td>
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### Learning Progression: Comprehension & Collaboration (8.SL.4  8.SL.5  8.SL.6)

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<td>9-10.SL.1 Initiate and participate effectively in a variety of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.</td>
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<td>7.SL.2 Analyze the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how the ideas clarify a topic, text, or issue under study.</td>
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<td>8.SL.1 Prepare for a discussion by reading, researching, taking notes, and formulating opinions and questions.</td>
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<td>• Guidelines and rules for effective collaboration and discussion</td>
<td>Some behaviors improve a collaborative discussion, while others hinder it.</td>
<td>Participate actively (ask questions, make statements, connect to text, respond to questions, etc.) in the discussion process.</td>
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<td>• Various roles and responsibilities that group members may take on</td>
<td>Questions can provide a framework for a good discussion.</td>
<td>Fulfill various roles to contribute to a collaborative effort.</td>
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<td>• How to craft strong discussion questions</td>
<td>Each group member brings valuable ideas to a discussion.</td>
<td>Treat others and their contributions to the discussion with respect.</td>
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<td>8.SL.2 Identify the purpose of information presented in diverse formats and media.</td>
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<td>• Author’s/producer’s purpose</td>
<td>Content is produced based on a variety of motivating factors.</td>
<td>Evaluate various messages presented in diverse formats and media.</td>
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<td>• Bias and how to recognize it</td>
<td><strong>8.SL.3</strong> Analyzing a spoken argument involves specific challenges and enjoys special advantages when compared to analyzing written arguments.</td>
<td>Recognize and articulate the “why” behind a media message.</td>
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<td>• Different motivations for creating media content (i.e. social, commercial, political, etc.)</td>
<td>Effective arguments include claims that are supported by reasoning and sufficient evidence, as well as an acknowledgement and rebuttal of counterclaims.</td>
<td><strong>8.SL.3</strong> Use active listening strategies when listening to a spoken argument.</td>
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<td>• Formats that information may be presented in</td>
<td>Speakers use three main types of appeals (emotional, logical, ethical) to persuade an audience.</td>
<td>Delineate (break down) a spoken argument into its component parts.</td>
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<td><strong>8.SL.3</strong></td>
<td>8.SL.3 Logical fallacies are flaws or mistakes in reasoning and support for a claim.</td>
<td>Identify evidence that is relevant or irrelevant to the speaker’s claim.</td>
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<td>• Techniques for active listening (i.e. note taking, signal words, etc.)</td>
<td>Speakers sometimes manipulate or mislead listeners.</td>
<td>Evaluate whether a speaker provides sufficient evidence to support a claim.</td>
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<td>• Structure of an argument (claim, reasons, evidence, counterclaim, rebuttal)</td>
<td><strong>8.SL.3</strong> Relevant vs. irrelevant evidence</td>
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Student Friendly Language

8.SL.1
I can actively and effectively participate in a discussion with others.
I can listen to what others have to say and share my own ideas with others.
I can prepare for discussion by studying the assigned topic.
I can be respectful of others in a discussion.
I can complete my portion of group tasks.
I can ask questions that help the group learn.
I can appreciate the information others bring to a discussion.
I can justify my thinking.

8.SL.2
I can identify the purpose of information presented in different formats, like songs, commercials, speeches, or movies.
I can interpret the motives behind content presented in diverse media and formats.

8.SL.3
I can actively listen to a presentation.
I can break down an argument into its parts (like claims, reasons, evidence, counterclaims, and rebuttal).
I can recognize when a speaker uses irrelevant evidence.
I can decide if a speaker has used enough evidence to support his/her claim.
I can decide if a speaker’s reasoning is sound and logical.

Key Vocabulary

8.SL.1
- Diverse
- Explicit
- Probe
- Collegial
- Reflect
- Relevant evidence
- Irrelevant evidence
- Warrant
- Collaboration
- Mediate
- Justify
- Qualify

8.SL.2
- Analyze
- Main idea(s)
- Supporting details
- Diverse media
- Diverse formats
- Evaluate
- Motives
- Agenda
- Bias
- Social
- Commercial
- Political

8.SL.3
- Delineate
- Argument
- Claim
- Reasoning
- Logic
- Logical fallacy
- Rhetoric
  - Ethos
  - Pathos
  - Logos
- Relevant evidence
- Irrelevant evidence
- Sufficient evidence
- Credibility
- Critique
- Evaluate
- Refute
- Rebuttal
**Relevance and Applications:** How might the skills in the standards be applied at home, on the job or in a real-world, relevant context?

We simply *must* possess the skills necessary to participate in a collaborative discussion. The workplace demands that we are able to operate both independently and interdependently. The ability to listen to others, treat others with respect, and find common ground is essential to mature and effective communication.

Americans are bombarded by the media each day, and it is important to know what ideas these messages convey and why they are being shared. Sometimes media messages enhance our lives; other times they manipulate us in negative ways. It is important to know what the media is telling us and why they want us to receive their messages. Ultimately, this keeps a consumer of information safer and more independent.

We need the ability to understand and assess the credibility of information in our daily lives (i.e. gossip, social media and viral online content, sales pitches, etc.) to avoid being taken in by scams, propaganda, and false information. Being able to follow the points being made and judge the credibility of the argument will help us make wiser decisions.

**Resources**

https://doe.sd.gov/octe/ELA-resources.aspx
**Achievement Level Descriptors**

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