



SHIFTING THE LANGUAGE

When creating norms, try to phrase them as things one can do as opposed to things one can't do. Below are common norms that students may come up with and ideas on shifting to positive language.

If students say...		... suggest this!
Don't interrupt other people.	→	Take turns while discussing.
Don't put words in other people's mouths.	→	Speak for yourself and check with others if you're quoting or understanding them correctly.
Don't make fun of what other people say.	→	Be respectful to others in the discussion.