

Sorting Activity Handout

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Phrases:

Excuse me ...
 Pardon me ...
 I didn’t get that!
 I didn’t catch that!
 I’m not sure I understand!
 Could you clarify what you meant by ...?
 Just a second ...
 Could you run it by me one more time?
 Could you be more specific?
 Could you give an example?
 Do you mean that ...
 Would you mind providing more information?
 You mean that ..., is that right?
 I’m sorry...

Could you repeat?
 Would you mind repeating that?
 Would you mind going over that one more time!
 Sorry to interrupt ...
 Could I get more clarification on ... (the topic)?
 I’m not sure I follow you!
 I am not sure I understand what you mean!
 Could you explain more?
 Does that mean ...
 Would you mind clarifying with more details?
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