Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to effectively communicate using interpersonal conventions and language to extend and elaborate ideas for social and learning interactions.

Materials and Prep

- Pen and paper
- Computer or tablet with internet access
- Quiet study space

No prior knowledge or preparation is required for this lesson.

Activities

- **Activity 1: Role-play Conversations**
  Practice effective communication skills by engaging in role-play conversations. Choose a topic or scenario and take turns playing different roles. Focus on using appropriate language, active listening, and expressing ideas clearly.
- **Activity 2: Debate Club**
  Organize a mini debate club with friends or family members. Select a debatable topic and assign different positions to each participant. Use persuasive language and interpersonal conventions to present arguments and counterarguments.
- **Activity 3: Collaborative Story Writing**
  Work with a partner or a small group to create a collaborative story. Each person takes turns adding a sentence or paragraph to the story, building upon the ideas of others. Practice extending and elaborating ideas while maintaining coherence and cohesion.
- **Activity 4: Interview a Family Member or Friend**
  Conduct an interview with a family member or friend. Prepare a list of questions to ask, focusing on open-ended and thought-provoking inquiries. Practice active listening and follow-up questions to extend and elaborate on their responses.

Talking Points

- **Effective communication:** "Effective communication involves using clear and concise language to express ideas and thoughts. It also includes active listening, understanding non-verbal cues, and adapting communication style to different situations."
- **Interpersonal conventions:** "Interpersonal conventions refer to the social rules and expectations that guide communication. These can include using polite language, taking turns in conversations, and respecting others' opinions."
- **Extending ideas:** "Extending ideas means adding more details, examples, or explanations to support and enhance your main points. This helps to provide a deeper understanding of the topic and engage the listener or reader."
- **Elaborating ideas:** "Elaborating ideas involves expanding on your thoughts and providing additional information or insights. This can include sharing personal experiences, providing relevant facts or statistics, or offering different perspectives."
- **Active listening:** "Active listening is a crucial component of effective communication. It involves paying full attention to the speaker, maintaining eye contact, nodding or using other non-verbal cues to show understanding, and asking clarifying questions."
- **Persuasive language:** "Persuasive language is used to convince others of a particular point of view or to influence their thoughts or actions. It often involves using strong and compelling arguments, rhetorical devices, and emotional appeal."
- **Coherence and cohesion:** "Coherence and cohesion are important for maintaining a logical flow and connection between ideas in communication. Coherence refers to the overall clarity

and organization of thoughts, while cohesion refers to the use of transitional words and phrases to connect different parts of the message."