



A Few Phrases and Questions to Help Your Student with 21st Century Learning

When Your Student Says . . .	Encourage them by saying . . .	You are Helping your Student Build:
I don't understand this.	What resources or skills do you have that can help you?	Perseverance
This is hard! I can't do this.	What have you tried so far? What do you know that can help you?	Creativity
I don't get it. I'm stuck!!!	Explain what you think this question/prompt is asking in a different way. What other approaches to this problem can you use?	Creativity/ Communication
My teacher didn't teach me this.	What parts do you understand? Which parts can you do?	Critical Thinking/Problem-Solving
How can there be more than ONE answer?	Because there is more than one strategy/approach to solve a problem/answer a question.	Critical Thinking/Creativity
I need to be online to do my homework.	Which online tools are you using? Show me what you're doing.	Collaboration/ Responsible Research
I don't like this/Common Core.	This is helping you become a problem-solver and APPLY what you're learning.	Critical Thinking/ Perseverance
Why do I have to explain ALL my answers ALL the time?	It's important to practice communicating your thoughts & how you think.	Communication
Not another group project!	Teachers GRADE differently. You will have to work in teams in your future.	Collaboration

Teacher as Resource: What to Ask

Remember one of your best resources is the school site! Contact teachers directly for additional information and resources to help your student succeed. Here are some great questions to ask:

- Is this piece of work satisfactory? How could it be better? Is my child on track?
- How can I help my child improve or excel in this area?
- If my child needs extra support or wants to learn more about a subject, what resources are there to help his or her learning outside the classroom?
- How can my student become better skilled at gathering information and citing material accurately?
- How does my child defend interpretations of reading he/she has researched?