



Barriers to Discussion Why Students Don't Participate

1. Student habits of passivity
2. Failure to see the value of discussion
3. Fear of criticism or of looking stupid
4. Push toward agreement or solution before alternative points of view have been considered
5. Feeling that the task is to find the answer the instructor wants rather than to explore and evaluate possibilities

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