



THREE SIMPLE FORMS OF RESPONSE

OSUN Teaching Resources

From Elbow and Belanoff, *Sharing and Responding* (1989)

Sayback

The instructor or listener summarizes what they've read or heard from the student.

"What I hear you saying is..."

Pointing/Noticing

The instructor or listener points to a specific element in the work. Usually, they're pointing to something that is working well or is provocative.

"Something I noticed was..."

Lurking

The instructor or listener describes ideas that seem to be lurking in the margins or need to be made clearer

"What is almost said..." or "What is not quite clear is..."

Although they originated in writing workshops, these three could be applied to many different disciplines and kinds of student work.