**Ideas to build Communication skills**

Novice ideas for building communication skills

* Give students phrases and have them substitute in vocabulary
* Give examples of grammar rather than tell them/explain the rules
* Write a schedule/tell a schedule
* Flyswatter game to identify vocabulary
* Make a family tree and label it
* You are a student in \_\_\_\_; talk about your life.
* Ask and answer questions in a group
* Information gap: everyone has a schedule with information missing that they must fill in by asking others what is on their schedule
* Tic tac toe
* Songs
* Rap music: give them music and they write the rap
* Say a word and they act it out
* Battleship
* TPR
* Simon says
* Introduce each other with adjectives
* I like this movie because….
* Use whiteboards
* Make pictures out of letters
* Speed games
* Group activities
* Use videos of Americans speaking Arabic

Intermediate ideas for building communication skills

* Role play: act out a real situation
* Display a group of pictures, ask the students to come up with the events, create/predict the ending
* Skits, presentations describing their houses, families, food
* Discussions after watching a video
* Comparison of things culturally

Advanced ideas for building communication skills

* Individual or group tv shows, journal, wikis, travel brochures, cultural artifacts, building displays
* Yamli to integrate technology
* Games
* Souk
* Word table definition
* Essay writing with peer editing
* Advanced anticipation guide
* Media integration with AL Jazeera
* Thinking Maps
* Summarizing
* Storytelling