Direct to Indirect Prompts

DIRECT	INDIRECT
1. I don't think that's such a good idea.	*Do you think that's a good idea?* *Are there any other ideas?* *I like most parts of that idea.*
2. That's not the point.	*That's an interesting point.* *That's <u>another</u> good point.* *Hum, I hadn't thought of that.*
3. I think we should....	*I have another possible suggestion…?* *What do you think of this idea?* *Could we consider…?*
4. What do you think, Mr. Cato? *(Calling on people sometimes embarrasses them. How can you find out what Mr. Cato thinks without directly asking him?)*	*Does anyone else have any suggestions?* *Have we heard all the opinions?* *I'm not sure this is the way to do it.*
5. Those figures are not accurate.	*I have some other figures here.* *Can someone recheck the figures?* *Those figures may be slightly old.*
6. You're doing that wrong.	*I would do that like this.* *Have you tried doing that this way?* *Maybe I've misunderstood how this is done.*
7. I don't agree.	*What do you think of this idea?* *May I make a suggestion?* *Okay.*

Indirect to Direct Prompts

INDIRECT	DIRECT
1. That is a very interesting viewpoint.	*I don't agree.* *We need to talk more about this.* *You're wrong.*
2. This proposal deserves further consideration.	*We don't like it.* *It needs work.* *Propose something else.*
3. I know very little about this, but....	*I'm something of an expert on this but am too polite to say so.* *What I think we should do is…* *You've done that wrong.*
4. We understand your proposal very well.	*Do you have another one?* *We don't like it.* *And we are not happy with it.*
5. We will try our best.	*Don't expect much to happen.* *We're not happy with it.* *This is not what we thought we'd be responsible for.*
6. I heard another story about that project.	*I don't agree with what you said about that project.* *That project had problems.* *I wouldn't associate with them if I were you.*
7. Can we move on to the next topic?	*We don't want to talk about this now.* *We need to consult with people not in the room before we decide.* *I disagree.*

Example scenarios

1. You are waiting in line at the grocery store and someone cuts in front of you.
2. You and a friend are going to go to dinner. You have a place in mind you'd like to go.
3. You are in class and there is a no cell phone policy. You keep hearing a classmate's cell phone buzzing and it's making it difficult for you to focus on your work.
4. Your sibling has decided they like song writing. They perform a new song for the family and you don't think it's very good.
5. You accidentally dropped your fork on the floor at a restaurant and need a new one. The server hasn't checked in at your table for awhile.
6. You see an acquaintance from school at a hockey game with a group of friends.
7. Someone bumps into in the hallway.
8. You are at a store and want to buy something but you're not sure how much it costs.
9. A friend is going to a concert and you really want to go to.
10. You're at dinner with family and someone tells a joke you don't understand.