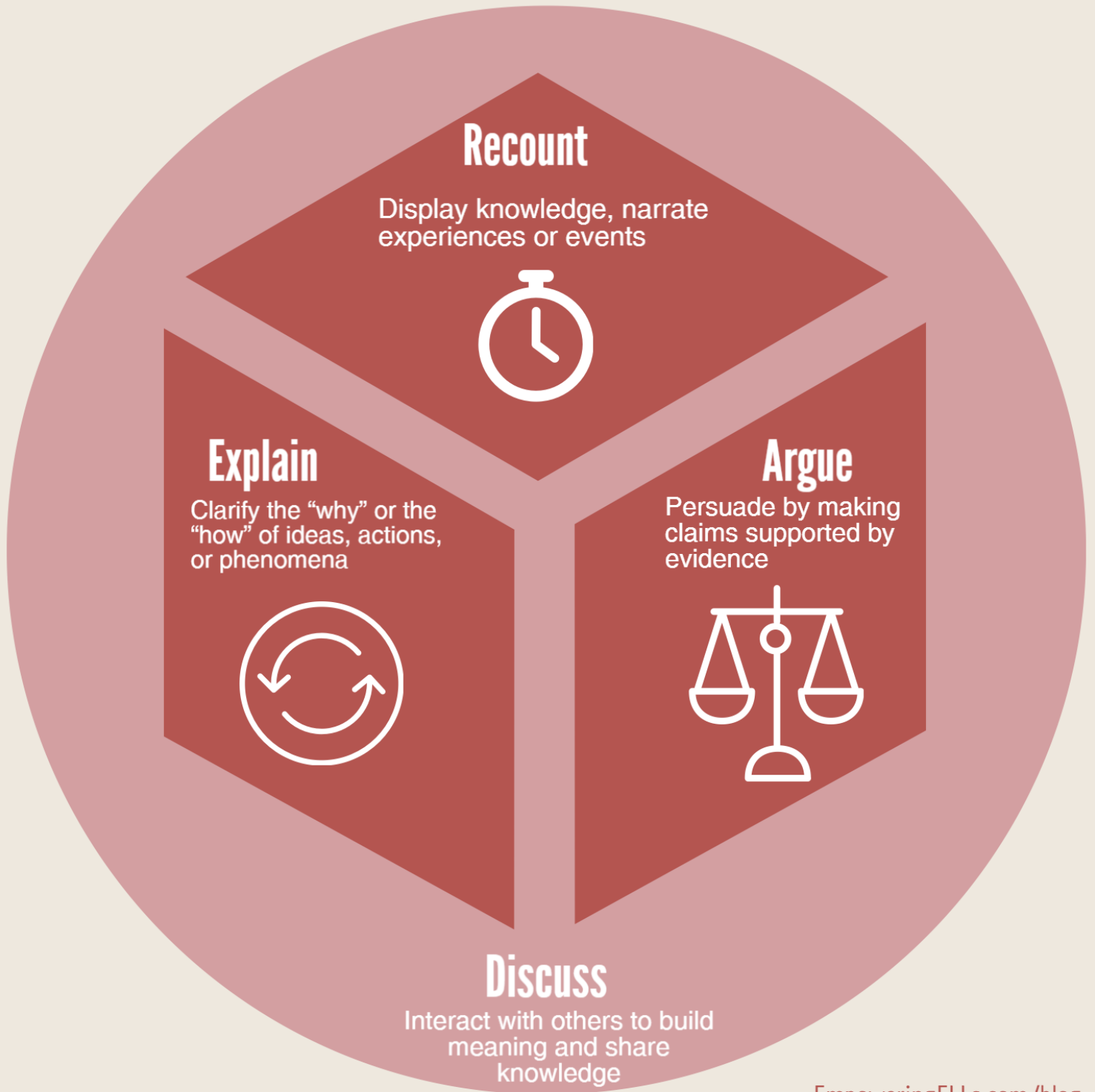


# 4 Types of Academic Language

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## Examples of the Key Uses

### Recount

- summarize stories
- describe a process
- share past experiences
- produce informational report
- identify the features of a concept

### Explain

- present how a system works
- show the relationship between cause and effects
- describe the consequences of actions or events
- describe factors that contribute to an event or a phenomena
- demonstrate the steps in a process

### Argue

- state opinions & providing justification
- form claims supported by evidence
- critique the reasoning & ideas others
- persuade others to take action or believe in an idea

### Discuss

- contribute ideas to a conversation
- construct meaning with others
- ask & answer questions
- offer suggestions
- defend opinions
- share perspectives