

# Questions to Ask When Choosing a Tutor

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A tutor can be an invaluable resource in helping your child gain new skills or maintain old ones. However, with the many tutoring options available, ranging from private tutors to tutoring centers, the process of choosing one can be daunting. The idea that a tutor should help your student become more independent, self-confident, and successful in school is obvious, but how can you tell whether a tutor can deliver? Begin your search by asking other parents for referrals. Set up interviews and have your child meet the prospective tutor for a few minutes at the interview. A strong personality match is a crucial element in the success of the tutoring experience.

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## What to Ask

1. What are the tutor's credentials?
2. How will the tutor know "where to start"?
3. What methods or programs will the tutor use?
4. Is the tutoring one-to-one or in a small group?
5. How will the tutor report progress?
6. Can I observe?

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