

# How to Hire a Tutor - The Checklist



These 12 points are absolute **MUSTS** to consider when hiring a tutor:

## 1. How much is the tutor suggesting you budget for?

Tutoring can be costly. It's best to get clear on the costs, as well as how much tutoring your family should budget for. We've previously outlined [how much a tutor should cost](#), so you can use that as your baseline.

## 2. Is the tutor teaching skills that can extend beyond their sessions with your child?

It's important that your child can **use the strategies the tutor is teaching even when the tutor isn't there**. Most of the time, the life skills a tutor teaches are more valuable than the subject-specific skills.

## 3. Is the tutor approachable?

Students struggling with a particular subject often have a fear of the teacher teaching that subject. To prevent this effect (or reverse it), **look for a private tutor who can interact with your child in a gentle way**. Your child shouldn't be afraid to make mistakes.

## 4. Does the tutor have the ability to teach the subject matter in a fun, engaging way?

Many untrained tutors, while incredibly knowledgeable, are completely incapable of teaching in a way that works for their students. This is why it's important to **seek qualified professionals with proven track records**.

### 5. Should I consider using an online tutor?

Yes! Tons of students find success with online tutoring. But before signing on with an online tutor, [check to confirm which platform they plan to use](#). **The best online tutors use an interactive online whiteboard complete with pictures, videos, and voice chat.**

### 6. What is the tutor's process and plan for tutoring?

A tutor should have an **orientation meeting** for parents and learners to see an overview of their methods. The method and process must be able to “diagnose” your child’s strengths and weaknesses and devise a tutoring plan that will offer solutions for your child’s success.

### 7. How will the tutor communicate with you about your child's progress? Will they let you know what you can be doing at home to support your child?

It's important to reinforce what's being done with the tutor at home. Therefore, **a tutor should provide reports on a monthly basis.**

### 8. Will the tutor communicate with your child's teacher?

A tutor willing to communicate with your child’s teacher is one of the best indications! Getting the teacher involved will ensure **everyone is working on the same team** for your child’s success.

### 9. Is the tutor able to work with someone with a learning style different than their own?

The best tutors are able to **teach the subject however the child needs to learn it**. So, be sure to choose a tutor who understands all [learning styles](#) and has methods to teach each style.

**10. Is this going to be solely homework-based tutoring or is the tutor going to go above and beyond into skills such as organization?**



Make sure the tutor you hire **won't pile more work** onto your already drowning child. Instead, look to hire someone who understands that a massive part of completing homework is figuring out **how to organize and prioritize**.

**11. What is your child's initial and ongoing reaction to the tutor? Does your child get to evaluate the tutor?**



Your child has to be engaged in the process with the tutor. **Give them a voice and a choice in the matter!** Even better, give your child the opportunity to use their voice during the tutoring process to essentially “grade” their tutor.

**12. Does your child relate to their teacher?**



If your child doesn't get along with their teacher, then a tutor might be necessary. In this case, it's crucial to [hire a tutoring agency as opposed to an individual tutor](#). An agency will have many tutors to choose from, and this freedom of choice will give your child the opportunity to feel like they have a say in their education.

## **Conclusion**

In summary, look for a compassionate, qualified tutor, and don't settle for less! Once you find the perfect tutor, talk to them directly about your child's concerns, both education-related and otherwise. It takes a village to raise a child, and your tutor is part of that village. Together, you can help your child build a healthy relationship with learning, and that relationship will last a lifetime.