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Tutoring Services

5 Tips for Giving Your Tutor Feedback

Feedback can be a very positive and necessary step in tutoring sessions, and can really help your tutor understand what they can do to help you learn. Tutors should be asking for feedback frequently. Whether in response to their request, or feedback to steer them in the right direction, here are some tips.

1 Goal-Oriented.

It's very common for a person to be a little bit defensive when they receive feedback. Putting the focus on the goal will help remove that barrier.

Having a clear sense of what goals you would like to achieve from tutoring will help your tutor know what to focus on.

2 Tangible & Transparent.

When your tutor does something that works really well for you, make sure you mention it! Likewise, if a certain strategy isn't working, you can mention it too.

4 Timely & Targeted.

Don't "bottle it up". The sooner you let your tutor know that a particular style or strategy isn't working for you, the sooner sessions will be more productive for you.

Likewise, let your tutor know right in the moment or right after a session if they did something great!

3 Actionable.

When your tutor asks you to provide them with feedback, stay away from comments like "good job". Instead, tell them exactly what they are doing a good job with.

This can help them know what exactly they should continue to do in sessions.

5 Ongoing.

Feedback doesn't have to be a one-time thing, or a "big deal". You should consistently communicate your academic desires and needs with your tutor.