

Twenty-Five Final Pointers for Tutors

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- ★ Treat your tutees as equals.
- ★ Don't worry about mistakes – they provide the best opportunities for teaching and learning.
- ★ Don't be critical of your tutees.
- ★ Recognize your differences, a vital step to building a tutoring relationship.
- ★ Recognize your commonalities, a vital step to building a tutoring relationship.
- ★ Be supportive of tutees' efforts as well as of their accomplishments.
- ★ Be hopeful.
- ★ Make learning active, fun, visual, and hands-on.
- ★ Keep your eye on the significance of your effort in your tutees' lives.
- ★ Do not use bribes or gifts to motivate your tutee.
- ★ Be willing to share your experiences when you think it's appropriate.
- ★ Don't make empty promises.
- ★ Don't forget how important you are – your tutee depends on you.
- ★ Be on time.
- ★ Use differences between you and your tutee to open up honest conversations.
- ★ Forgive your errors and those of your tutee – they were unintentional.
- ★ Be open-minded.
- ★ Be empathetic toward your students and their experiences.
- ★ Be observant and pay attention to what your tutees enjoy and how they learn.
- ★ Incorporate tutee interests into your activities and assignments.
- ★ Be creative.
- ★ Set educated goals and strive for them.
- ★ Ignore labels – they only show you part of a person.
- ★ Be respectful.
- ★ Remember that your students have much to teach you!