

# What to Expect from a Tutor

## Take the Tutor Duties Quiz!

TRUE or FALSE

T(rue)

F(alse)

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| 1. Tutors will do your homework for you.   | T    | F |
| 2. Tutors will edit and correct your essays and research papers.   | T    | F |
| 3. Tutors will make sure that all of your assignments get good grades.                                       | T    | F |
| 4. Tutors will sit with you and watch you do your homework.  | T    | F |
| 5. A tutor's main goal is to help you develop your learning skills.  | T    | F |
| 6. Regarding writing assignments, a tutor's goal is to help you learn how to fix your own papers.            | T    | F |
| 7. Tutors may ask you questions to help you to reason out the solutions to problems for yourself.            | T    | F |
| 8. It is not necessary for you to work on your assignments before you arrive for a tutoring session.         | T    | F |
| 9. Tutors may ask you questions to see how much you already understand about the content you are working on. | T    | F |
| 10. Tutors are cool.   | TRUE |   |

## Tutor Duties Quiz Answers (with explanation)

1. FALSE. Tutors should never do your work, or hand you right answers to your homework problems. Their job is to help you discover the gaps in your understanding, and help you fill in those gaps so that you can arrive at the correct answers for yourself! "Give a man a fish, you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, you've fed him for a lifetime." It's really an awesome plan!
2. FALSE. If tutors did this, you would not learn how to correct your own writing. Tutors will notice problem areas in your writing, and help you understand why they are problem areas, and help you think about other choices you could make to improve your writing. It will be your job to revise your own paper.
3. FALSE. Tutors are not responsible for a student's grades, good or bad. The student does the work and earns the grades. If you feel that a tutor is NOT helping you develop your skills so that you can earn better grades, please talk to the Student Success Advisor.
4. FALSE. Tutors may have more than one student to work with during the hours they are scheduled. Please try to be considerate of all students, do your best to accomplish what you can on your own, and take advantage of tutor support for those issues you cannot seem to resolve on your own.
5. TRUE. Tutors should challenge you to develop your student and learning skills by helping you ask good questions and dig until you have answers. If you get off track, they will help you correct your course. Think of them as "clue-givers."
6. TRUE. If tutors fixed your papers for you, you would be back the next time with the same problems. Tutors want you to return as needed, but with new problems!!
7. TRUE. It's all about you developing your critical thinking skills.
8. FALSE. Please be prepared when you arrive for tutoring. Know what your questions are. For example: Attempt an essay outline and bring the tutor something to work with. Run spell and grammar check on your document and fix the issues yourself as much as you possibly can.
9. TRUE. Tutors need to know (and you need to know) what exactly it is that you don't know. That is the place to START your session.
10. TRUE. Tutors are way cool.

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## OTHER TUTORING Resources

### ⇒ Khan Academy Tutoring Videos

<https://www.khanacademy.org/library>

Short concept demonstration videos in:

- Arithmetic, algebra, calculus, geometry, trigonometry, statistics, applied math
- Biology, physics, chemistry
- Microeconomics and macroeconomics
- Computer programming
- History, art history, music, philosophy
- AND MORE!!!



### ⇒ Purdue Owl (Purdue Online Writing Lab)

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>

- General writing resources (style, mechanics, grammar, punctuation, etc.)
- MLA format and citation guide & examples
- APA format and citation guide & examples
- How to create and design an effective Power-Point presentation (Quick Guide, Before You Start, Design Principles, Practical Guides)
- Research and ethical use of research (i.e. how to avoid plagiarism!)
- The cure for writer's block
- MUCH MORE!!!



### ⇒ Justmathtutoring.com

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