

# **CHOOSING THE RIGHT TUTOR FOR YOUR CHILD**

## **What to Ask Before Hiring a Tutor**

Do ask questions before hiring a person to work with your child. Be prepared with a list of questions before picking up the phone to call, so that you will be able to quickly find out the important information you need to make a decision. Here are some of the questions you might like to ask.

- What age do you typically work with?
- What subject areas do you typically tutor in?
- Have you worked with any special needs children?
- Have you worked in the school system? (British, American, International)
- How much teaching/tutoring experience do they have?
- What professional Qualifications do they have? Don't feel embarrassed to ask to see proof of these.
- Do they have an up to date Police check, CRB check?

## **Motivating Children to Learn**

Ask about how the tutor will motivate your child. The more reluctant or strong willed your child is, the more important this question will be. Get a feel for how patient the person will be with a child who may or may not be happy about being tutored.

## **Payment**

Ask how much the tutor charges per hour.

## **Tutoring Location**

Do you have to go to the tutor? Will she come to your house? Do they charge travel costs if they come to your home and how much?

## **What Should You Expect?**

Find out how much notice the tutor requires if you need to cancel, and how she expects you to make those hours up. Find out what she expects if you are running late or got stuck in traffic when coming to pick your child up at the end of the session. Discuss the progress you would like to see your child make, and ensure that you and the tutor both know what success will look like.

## **Ask for References**

Many times you will have the name of a tutor from a friend's recommendation, but if not, ask the tutor for a reference. If you hire a tutor for your child and end up unsatisfied for any reason, it is important to talk to her. You may need to clarify expectations, increase the amount of time your child is tutored, or receive a recommendation for another tutor. Make sure that above all, your child learns to love learning through his or her experience with a tutor.