

Tutor's Role in Problem Solving



Who are the Teaching Center tutors?

- undergraduates at UF
- received A's in the classes they tutor
- recommended by professors, other tutors
- attend certified training program
- supervised and evaluated
- like to help peers--most stay until graduation

What tutors will not do?

- re-teach
- know all the answers
- be a substitute for class attendance
- do your homework
- solve your problems
- make you feel bad for seeking tutoring

What is the tutor's role?

- guide
- coach
- listener (tutee speaks over 50% of the time)
- offer study skills and test taking strategies
- understand tutee's unique learning style
- discuss academic resources
- promote individual learning

How can a tutor help a problem solver?

- model problem solving techniques
- have tutee think aloud
- catch errors in thinking
- ask probing questions to facilitate thought
- slow down the problem solving process
- observe quality of practice
- encourage the problem solver