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

How can a tutor help a problem solver?
- model problem solving techniques
- have tuttee 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

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