

# 10 Ways tutor.com™ Serves ELL Students



Tutor.com tutors adapt their teaching strategies based on ELL students' language skills and communication abilities. Our goal is to empower confidence and comprehension using individualized support and leveraging the diverse tools within our online classroom. Tutors will make necessary instructional adjustments to ensure all ELL students receive the best academic support possible!

## Tutors will provide:

- 1 Focused communication:** Expert tutors are available via text-chat and two-way voice. They adapt their instruction to match students' language proficiency, and they communicate slowly and clearly.
- 2 Concept breakdown:** Complex concepts are broken down into manageable steps using methods like chunking or checklists to facilitate understanding.
- 3 Clarity in directions:** Tutors help students decode directions, utilizing visual demonstrations or sentence starters for better comprehension.
- 4 Terminology assistance:** Whenever tutors introduce new terms, they assess learner understanding. Any unknown terms are explained using examples, pictures, or concise explanations.
- 5 Regular check-ins:** Tutors frequently check for understanding and encourage students to demonstrate their grasp of the material on an ongoing basis.
- 6 Pacing awareness:** Tutors ensure students are ready to progress before moving forward in a lesson, and they adjust pacing to accommodate individual learner needs.
- 7 Adaptive approach:** Tutors are flexible in their instruction style and willing to adjust their approach if a student has difficulty with comprehension.
- 8 Simplified materials:** Tutors utilize a variety of tools in the online classroom to supplement verbal and written explanations with visual representations that further aid comprehension.
- 9 Guided engagement:** Tutors are dedicated to working *with* students, but they do not do the work *for* students. If an ELL student needs support to develop independent understanding, our tutors will provide that for them.
- 10 Positive reinforcement:** Tutors offer positive support and encouragement for ELL students, celebrating their work as they achieve understanding during tutoring sessions.

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