

Top tips for online teaching



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Plan the resources you want to use before. Have a whiteboard with you for playing hangman and other games (Jacari can post out whiteboards and pens to you and your pupil - email us to ask!) Things take less time than you think they will, so have a big list of back-up activities.

Use your environment to your advantage! You have a range of objects they haven't seen before in your home, so you can use books and other items to create a more stimulating learning experience.

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Have a parent/guardian of the tutee sit with the tutee for the first few minutes of each session so that the tutee is fully engaged with the activities.



Send your pupil reading materials in the post that you can read together (you can look at the pdf. version or scan a copy if you don't have 2 copies). My pupil was really excited to receive something in the post and it has helped a lot as we can't screen share during our lessons

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Have a go at using the different platforms before your first lesson to see what works best for you and make sure to give 5-10 mins of independent work so the pupil is not in the spotlight or having to speak for the whole lesson



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Try to still have casual conversations as well as getting straight into learning, like you would if you were going to their house

If you're an international student at Oxford like me, use that as a conversation starter to get your pupil to talk more about where he or she is from. Take turns asking one another about differences between the UK and your hometowns. I felt this helped my pupil see that we have something in common.

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The Oxford Owl ebook library has been really helpful because we can read books together online. They also have good worksheets and games that are engaging.



Teaching listening and speaking is much easier than helping with reading or writing. Screen share if you possibly can, especially for playing word games

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Write out or plan in advance some simple instructions for setting up google meet or zoom, that you can pass on to your tutee and their family. Kids will not be as tech savvy as you expect! Be prepared to run into connection issues

Regulating body language and facial expression is very important when tutoring online! Expect online teaching to be very different from in-person, but it is not as intimidating as it sounds!

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