

Writing

A writer's success is directly linked to their perceptions and feelings about the writing process. Many students simply feel they have nothing to say, while others have so much to share they do not know where to begin. The foundation of writing lies in motivation.

Pre-writing

Motivation and confidence are foundational in writing. Tutoring sessions in this area will focus on making writing appealing to the student by exploring areas that are intriguing to the student. Brainstorming is an important pre-writing exercise that serves to get the writer excited and focused. Other pre-writing tasks such as, listing, mind-mapping, diagramming, word generating, and illustrating are all avenues that can be explored within a tutoring session.

Writing

The writing process is often aided when a template or scaffolding is used. This provides a framework to guide the writer's thoughts and ensure that they are being communicated completely. The type of writing must be considered when selecting a framework to follow. Various methods and genres can be explored in one-on-one sessions including, expository, narrative, comparison/contrast, persuasive, instructional, and poetic.

Editing and Re-Writing

No writing is complete until it has undergone a re-writing process. This includes evaluating the work to see if it communicates its intended purpose. Word choice is evaluated, as well as syntax. Details can be added in this process to improve a work. This is also the critical stage to correct any spelling, punctuation, or grammar errors. Reading the work aloud is often helpful in this process to allow the author the opportunity to experience the writing from a slightly different perspective.

Publishing

The most exciting part of writing is the finished product. Sharing your refined work and seeing others benefit from what you have communicated can be a truly rewarding experience.

Individual cost is \$25/hr

Groups of 3 or more \$15/hr/student