

Session Structure



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Why Establish a Consistent Structure?

- Allow students to know what to expect and what is expected of them
- Help students feel safer, more engaged, and more comfortable with the sessions
- Minimizes necessary prep time for tutors = greater focus on content prep



Session Opening: Relationship-Building

- Example activities: icebreaker, discussing students' day/ week, discussing students' interests and extracurriculars
- Strong relationship-building at the beginning can make students feel more comfortable and engaged in sessions
- This can also improve students' behavior throughout the session



Data Touchpoint

- Utilize an “entrance ticket” to assess students’ understanding of relevant skills
- Remediate any unfinished learning from previous sessions



Framing and Objective

- Introduce the session's topic or focus
- Preview what work students' will be doing today
- Use leading questions to help students make connections between today's focus and prior knowledge
- Clearly state today's learning objective and write it somewhere visible on display



Mini Lesson and Explicit Model

- Model the step-by-step process that students will use to reach their learning goal
- Use criteria to evaluate the model's effectiveness
- Let students work collaboratively on a second model (if working in small groups)



Purposeful Independent Practice

- Provide many “at-bats” for students to practice
- Try to keep practice as independent as possible
- Don’t provide answers, simply guide students!



Formative Assessment

- Have students demonstrate their progress from the session
- Keep assessments short
- Exit tickets can be good assessments to use at the end of sessions





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Slide-Specific Links

Example Tutoring Session Structure:

<https://studentsupportaccelerator.com/tutoring/instruction/session-structure/example-tutoring-session-structure>