

Past, Present, Future Questions: Example sheet 2

Ask the Parent:

Past

- When did you first start to notice this?
- When did you first see signs of this?
- Do you have any past report cards?
- Any past feedback from teachers?

*Summarize the past to ask for clarity

Present

***In consultation, 30% of your time in the present should be spent talking with the parents.**

- How has this been progressing?
- How has this progressed since you first started noticing this until now?
- Were you surprised by the report?
- Have you had other conversations with the teachers?
- Are you able to help your child with their homework?
- Is your student organized? And do they pay attention to detail?
- Are they making their best effort?
- Do you see this issue to be a result of their academic discipline or academic knowledge?

Future

- How do you see tutoring helping your child achieve their goals?
- How do you think solving this problem would improve your day-to-day lives?
- If time and money were no object, would you hire a tutor straight away? And for how many hours?

Ask the Student:

Past

- What was your relationship with the teachers in the past?
- How was their teaching style?
- (If younger) Who was your favourite teacher? Why?

Present

***In consultation, 70% of your time in the present is spent with the student.**

- Are you allowed to ask for extra help?
- Are your teachers friendly?
- What is your class like?
- How do you like your teacher?
- Do you find that a lot of the students are having the same problem?
- What is your understanding of the lesson in class? (then when you get home?)
- Do you get any extra help in school?
- How long does your homework usually take you?
- Does anyone help you with your homework?
- When you feel confident do you participate in class?
- Are you ever asked/required to show your homework?
- Do you prefer working individually or in a group?
- Were you surprised by the results on your report card?
- Why am I here?
- Was it your idea to seek tutoring support?
- Are you looking forward to having tutoring?
- How do you feel a tutor would benefit you and do you feel a tutor can help you improve your grades?

Future

- Do you see a tutor being able to help you?
- Would you like to feel more confident?
- Do you want to feel more comfortable working in a group?
- How good is it going to feel to have someone to help you with your homework?
- Ask questions about their goals
- How do you see this getting better without tutoring?

*All of the above questions will help you build the case for a tutor and the recommendation you will provide in stage 3 of the consultation.