

WHAT ON EARTH DO I DO WITH MY MENTEE?

50 mentoring activities to get you started

1. Set mentoring goals together
2. Talk about how to look for a job
3. Help plan long- and short-term goals
4. Eat lunch together
5. Shoot hoops
6. Just hang out
7. Listen to music and discuss different kinds of music
8. Play a board game like Scrabble
9. Talk about life
10. Talk about your very first job
11. Talk about planning a career
12. Plan a career and work with a real-life budget
13. Teach them how to write a resume
14. Talk about dressing for success
15. Do mock interview session
16. Tackle homework
17. Talk about goals and steps to take to reach those goals
18. Talk about how to manage money
19. Talk about credit cards
20. Go on a nature walk
21. Work on filling out applications
22. Explore colleges and universities
23. Explore financial aid options
24. Write "thank you" notes
25. Celebrate a holiday
26. Decorate cards for the shut-ins
27. Talk about the future
28. Celebrate a birthday
29. Plant a tree
30. Play a sport
31. Talk about making decisions
32. Talk about relationships
33. Play cards
34. Study for a test
35. Take pictures of nature
36. Tutor mentee in an academic course
37. Talk about manners
38. Surf the internet
39. Talk about telephone etiquette
40. Discuss appropriate dress for work and other occasions
41. Teach them interviewing skills
42. Discuss a well-mannered conversation
43. Discuss table manners
44. Talk about nutrition
45. Talk about current events
46. Teach them how to write a letter
47. Discuss hygiene
48. Talk about exercise
49. Go for a walk
50. Start a hobby

Note: Some of these activities are not suitable for KABA's in-school mentor program. This list is meant to give you ideas for general activities to do with your mentee.

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Fluency - *help your mentee read fluently*

Reading fluency is our goal. Fluency is reading smoothly, quickly, and with meaning while paying attention to punctuation and intonation.

Practice reading fluently:

1. Read a sentence.
2. Point out the punctuation, special words, and meaning that make a difference in fluency.
3. Student reads the sentence to you.
4. Continue one sentence at a time until the end of the paragraph.
5. Student reads the paragraph to you fluently.
6. Listen for problems.
7. Discuss things that would help and model.
8. Student repeats the paragraph.