Tutoring is a very fun experience. At first I felt very anxious to start and did not have a clear idea of what to expect out of this experience. With my first lessons and getting to know my tutees, tutoring less became a job and became play. I would learn the student’s personalities and levels of English writing as they took time to understand my own. I would teach them of American culture and they would teach me of their own cultures. It was a very give and take relationship I had with my tutees. Although there were some big problems I encountered during my instruction, overall I had a very good time giving my own personalized perspective on English writing to my students.

A big problem with tutees is the schedule. Many will not show up or will just flake on all the appointments that they have confirmed. At first I was discouraged, but later you just learn to accept it. My own schedule had some faults with the appointments as well, so the tutees were not the only ones canceling lessons. Some tutees will just stop responding as well. They will not respond to emails, phone calls, or texts. If they do not, then just forget it.

Another things would be to careful of run on sentences that the student has in their essays. Many of them are instructed to create more complex sentences to express themselves more deeply, but some just do not know the rules. Explain in a clear manner the definition and how to spot run on sentences. It will greatly help their writing skills later on when they go through further instruction.

My students and I had a lot of fun. It was fun to watch them ask questions so in turn I would wonder of those things that I might have overlooked. It was a very good learning process. I was stumped many times and just did not know how to answer their questions, and I had to think very deeply to really answer them in a clear and concise manner. I had to understand that English is actually a very hard language to really comprehend, but one of the first things I wanted to convey to the students were my concepts. To understand those concepts such as the purpose of language and the essay would make things much easier for them.

Tutoring is a very fulfilling and laid back job to have. As a individual that does not have enough time in the day to sit back and relax, I can say my time was well spent tutoring my fellow students get better grades as well as become better writers.