The home tutor plays a valuable role in supporting all aspects of the writing process.

Ways the home tutor can assist the writing process

Planning

The more prepared the student is, the easier the writing task. Talking is vital at this stage as it helps the student to clarify ideas and thought.

The home tutor can assist the planning stage by:

- discussing with the student the purpose of the writing and its audience
- assisting the student to brainstorm for ideas, words and phrases to be used in his/her writing
- discussing with the student the plan for the writing, including a framework wherever possible
- assisting the student to experiment with ideas before actual writing
- assisting the student to find appropriate information if writing requires research
- helping the student to write the plan for his/her writing
- responding positively to the student's ideas and offering suggestions and ideas
- asking open-ended questions to stimulate thought if the student experiences difficulty.