

## The Four Stages of Learning

### Diagnostic assessment

Stop wasting your time and effort by trying to support your child in ways that just don't work.

Providing the wrong type of support leads to loss of energy, money and effort. It also causes confusion, frustration and despair in both you and your child.

Knowing the type of help your child needs is the first step in knowing what you can do to support your child's learning. By Using this Four Stages Assessment you can discover the stage in the learning process that your child needs support.

Take this assessment and discover if your child needs help to increase their motivation - their love of learning: to develop missing learning skills- to make learning quicker and easier: to make sense of how they are being taught, or to move to mastery by getting tutoring that matches their needs.

Once you have the results you will understand the kind of support your child needs can decide on the type of help you will offer.

This is a self-administered assessment. It is based on the belief that you know your child better than anyone else. By noting your child's actions you can discover what type of support he or she needs.

#### Stage One: Motivation (Check as many as apply)

- Your child...
- ...avoids doing homework
- ...is happy to just 'get by'
- ...says school is 'stupid'
- ...doesn't want to learn
- ...doesn't want to go to school
- ...makes excuses for not doing work
- ... forgets school books and assignments
- ...puts off doing schoolwork
- ...blames others for his lack of work
- ...ignores your nagging

Stage Two: Learning How to Learn (Check as many as apply)

Your child...

- ...has been struggling to learn for more than a year
- ...needs help in more than one subject
- ...tries hard but makes little progress
- ...is anxious and upset about their lack of learning
- ...isn't making progress however much you help
- ...is losing confidence in their ability to learn
- ...is bright but underachieving
- ...has problems focusing
- ...often says "I can't do this!"
- ...is getting extra help in school

Stage Three: Making School Make Sense (Check as many as apply)

Your child...

- ...has changed schools recently
- ... has moved from primary to intermediate or intermediate to high school
- ... has lower grades this year than last year
- ...likes some teachers more than others
- ... could do better
- ...is skilled in one subject but struggles with others
- ...has hobbies that they love doing
- ...reminds you of how you handled school
- ...was doing Ok until.....
- ...is losing self confidence

**Stage Four: Moving to Mastery** (Check as many as apply)

Your child...

- ...is bored at school
- ...needs help with a specific subject
- ...needs to prepare for a test or exam
- ...has missed some lessons
- ...wants some extra help
- ...is getting good grades on report cards
- ...wants to learn something new
- ...is happy to have a tutor
- ...needs to catch up on learning

**How to interpret your results.**

Count the number of checks at each stage.

Stage One \_\_\_\_

Stage Two \_\_\_\_

Stage Three \_\_\_\_

Stage Four \_\_\_\_

The stage with the highest score is the stage in which your child needs support.

If two or more stages have the same score start with the earliest stage first.

When you have chosen the stage in which your child needs support start exploring what type of support you can offer.

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Check them out at <https://leadingtolearning.thinkific.com/manage/courses/>.

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