The key to having a successful relationship with your mentee is to develop small goals that can guide your time together. These goals could be based on achievement in school, developing relationships with peers, or just fun activities your mentee is interested in pursuing. Learn how to set goals while you begin to create boundaries expectations with your mentee, and the tools needed to evaluate the progress of the match.

Clearly defined goals have the highest success rate. When developing a goal with your mentee, don’t get frustrated! Get…

Your goal should be **specific** enough that you are able to focus on achieving it.

Making your goal **measurable** allows you to know when it’s done!

Make sure your goals are **attainable** for your mentee.

Develop **realistic** goals that can be accomplished.

Completing smaller goals in a **timely** manner can help accomplish more.

**Example SMART goal:**

By next week, Tony will write a five-page short story about his fun experiences at summer camp.

- **S** – about summer camp
- **M** – five pages
- **A** – can be done in one week
- **R** – a good goal for a teenager
- **T** – must be completed within one week

**What will YOUR SMART goal be?**
Thinking of a good goal can be hard. Try starting with a fun activity and create a SMART goal from there!

Here are a few examples:

- Learn to play a new sport
- Do an arts & crafts project
- Go to the Science Center
- Learn about local history
- Make a new friend

- Try something new at a restaurant
- Read a chapter book
- Do a new activity once per month
- Spend less time on the computer
- Get a better grade in a subject