

What parents need to know about **scaffolding** and its benefits



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What is scaffolding?

Scaffolding

in education is a means of providing temporary support and guidance to learners on assigned tasks based on learning objectives until they achieve mastery of certain skills. Parents can use the same technique at home to support online learning and development, and by being sensitive to their strengths and weaknesses.



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What are the benefits of scaffolding?

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facilitates engagement and motivation

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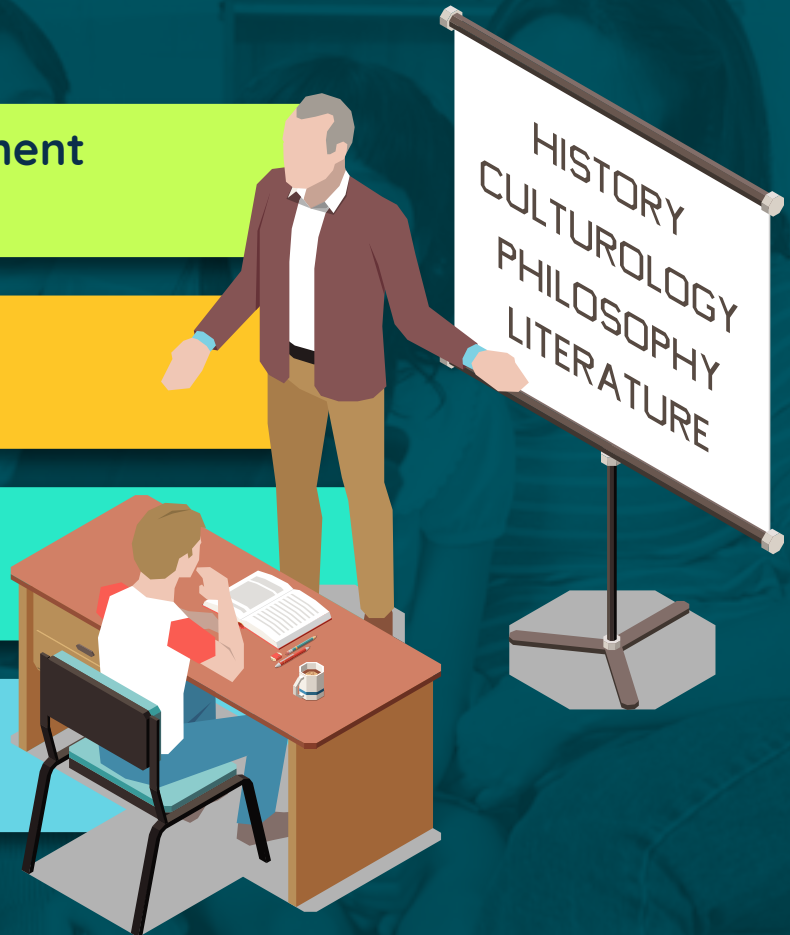
reduces anxiety and uncertainty

3

builds momentum

4

helps identify learning gaps



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Different scaffolding techniques



ask probing
questions



make
suggestions



introduce
a prop



offer
encouragement



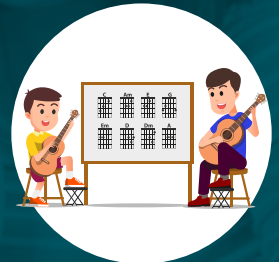
pose limited-answer
questions



provide
support



use
demonstrations



model & demonstrate
(show & tell)



use mediators



hint, nudge,
and provoke



encourage
reflection and
metacognition



use
documentation



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Keep in Mind

You can use scaffolding to empower your child “to do things on their own by breaking down the skill they are trying to master.

The key is that you don’t hover or do things for your child, but rather use patience and guidance to allow them to master skills on their own.”

Do not be restricted with just one technique. Scaffolding works best when you employ it in different ways to accommodate the varying needs of your child.



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