Looking for a Private Tutor

How can I find a private tutor?

☐ Ask your teacher if he/she can recommend someone (another student, for example).
☐ Talk with other students and friends. Sometimes they have a tutor they are currently using or can recommend one.
☐ Check for tutor advertisements on student bulletin boards around colleges, universities and libraries.
☐ Do a web search using any of the following phrases:
  “professional tutoring service Vancouver”
  “bc tutoring service” to find the BC Teachers’ Tutoring Service
  “ubc tutoring services” to find UBC tutor registries
☐ Try Help Hub for online tutoring.
☐ Search craigslist for tutors.

Here are some questions you can ask before you hire a tutor. They will help you choose the best tutor for your situation.

☐ Do you have a university degree? In what area?
☐ Do you have a teaching certificate?
☐ How many years of tutoring experience do you have?
☐ What is your rate per hour? Do you have a group rate?
☐ Can you give me a reference?
  (the name and phone number of a student who has used the tutor)
☐ Do you have experience tutoring in my problem areas? (grammar, reading faster, pronunciation, writing skills, listening skills, TOEFL, LPI, Cambridge, IELTS)

If you feel satisfied with the answers given, ask yourself:

☐ Do I feel comfortable when talking to the tutor? Is he/she friendly?

Tip: If possible, meet with your tutor in a public place like a library, cafeteria or coffee shop. It is always a safer environment than your apartment or your tutor’s home.