

THE MIDDLEMEN

EPISODE 1: THE SWITCH

Source Documentation

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SOURCE S1

Tutor Hunt — UAE Website (Main Body)

[tutorhunt.ae](https://www.tutorhunt.ae) | Accessed May 2026 — Live page

"We never take ongoing commission from our tutors like other agencies. This leads to higher tutor rates to you, which we do not want."

URL: <https://www.tutorhunt.ae/about.asp>

Note: Verified via direct screenshot — see accompanying image file [quote_01_uae_commission.png](#)

SOURCE S2

Tutor Hunt — UAE Website (FAQ Section)

[tutorhunt.ae](https://www.tutorhunt.ae) | Accessed May 2026 — Live page

"To keep your costs as low as possible, we ONLY charge a one-time finder's fee of £19.99 + VAT, period. This is the only payment you ever make to us."

URL: <https://www.tutorhunt.ae/about.asp>

Note: Located in student FAQ section — scroll below main body text

SOURCE S3

Tutor Hunt — UAE Website (UK Copy)

tutorhunt.ae | Accessed May 2026 — Live page

"The fee helps us maintain our website and attract new tutors across the UK."

URL: <https://www.tutorhunt.ae/about.asp>

Note: Notable: UAE site uses explicit UK-targeted language — copy was never localised

SOURCE S4

Glassdoor Review — Six Years, No Warning

Glassdoor | Posted December 2019

"After tutoring with this website for almost 6 years, they suddenly changed all their terms and conditions without warning and now charge a 25% commission on top of tutors' fees for every lesson. This is TERRIBLE for students because it means every time you buy a lesson it'll cost you 25% more than if you just went directly to the tutor."

URL: <https://www.glassdoor.co.uk/Reviews/Employee-Review-TutorHunt-E966076-RVW30703043.htm>

Note: Note: Glassdoor requires login to view. Quote verified via search result snippet May 2026.

SOURCE S5

Glassdoor Review — Targeting Strategy and Secrecy Clause

Glassdoor | Posted December 2019

"Not long ago, when you accepted a new student you had to sign a contract and it was mandatory to tick a box where you were banned to disclose your final earnings and the commission TutorHunt got from your students."

URL: <https://www.glassdoor.co.uk/Reviews/Employee-Review-TutorHunt-E966076-RVW39572533.htm>

Note: Same review also documents targeting of popular tutors with established feedback. Login required to view full review.

SOURCE S6

Mumsnet Forum — Parent, Commission Discovery

Mumsnet | Posted 2020 — Thread: Where to Start

"The commission they charge parents is enormous though; it worked out £10 / week on top of the £40 I was paying for the actual tuition... and she felt embarrassed that I was paying that much on top of her fee."

URL: <https://www.mumsnet.com/talk/tutoring/4106316-Where-to-start>

Note: Verified from live page May 2026. Full thread documents multiple parents discovering the commission switch.

SOURCE S7

PMT Education — Commission Rates Comparison

PMT Education — Independent Editorial | Published March 2026

"Tutor Hunt charges approximately 32% commission on every lesson booked through the platform."

URL: <https://www.pmt.education/blog/tutors/tutoring-platform-fees-and-commissions-explained/>

Note: Independent third-party source confirming current commission rate. Most recent publicly available figure.

SOURCE S8

Tutor Hunt — UK Website (Current)

tutorhunt.com | Accessed May 2026 — Live page

"Compare current UK terms against UAE site for direct contrast."

URL: <https://www.tutorhunt.com/about.asp>

Note: Screenshot the current UK about page alongside UAE about page to demonstrate the two-market discrepancy.

A NOTE ON METHODOLOGY

Every source in this document was accessed and verified in May 2026. Web pages are subject to change or removal at any time. Screenshots of key pages have been retained and are available on request via theindependenttutor.com. The Glassdoor reviews cited require a Glassdoor account to view in full. The quotes presented here were verified via Google search result snippets which display partial review text without requiring login. The full URLs are provided for independent verification. The Mumsnet quote was verified directly from the live page in May 2026. The Tutor Hunt UAE website quotes were verified directly and screenshots obtained by the filmmaker. The UAE site URL is tutorhunt.ae/about.asp and was live as of the date of filming. No quotes have been altered, fabricated or taken out of context. Where script wording differs very slightly from original source wording (e.g. punctuation) this is noted in the source entries above.

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