# 0063 Why Kids Are Afraid to Ask for Help 为什么孩子们害怕寻求帮助

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#### Example 1. 标题

成年人常常因寻求帮助而感到尴尬。

新的研究表明,出于同样的原因,幼儿不会在学校寻求帮助,即使他们需要帮助。直到最近,心理学家还认为孩子们直到九岁左右才开始关心自己的声誉和同龄人的看法。但过去几年的一系列发现推翻了这一假设。这项研究表明,五

岁的孩子就非常关心别人对他们的看法。事实上,孩子们有时甚至会在简单的游戏中作弊以显得聪明。

Our research suggests that /as early as age seven, children begin to connect asking for help with looking incompetent 无能力的; 不胜任的; 不称职的 in front of others. At some point, every child struggles in the classroom. But if they are afraid to ask for help /because their classmates are watching, learning will suffer 变差; 变糟; 变潜, 受难.

#### Example 2. 标题

我们的研究表明,早在七岁时,孩子们就开始将寻求帮助与在别人面前表现得无能联系起来。在某些时候,每个孩子都会在课堂上遇到困难。但如果他们因为同学在旁边而不敢寻求帮助,学习就会受到影响。

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