



# BBC WORLD SERVICE LEARNING ENGLISH

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### Making bad kids good 让坏孩子变好

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习。

Dogs that can retrieve cash from ATMs and empty washing machines help disabled people lead more independent lives, but can they also help change disruptive teenagers' behaviour?

A unique TV experiment, "Dog House", follows five unruly youngsters as they're taught to become dog trainers. The idea is simple. Kids really like dogs. But can the skills involved in training them - patience, consistency, rewarding good behaviour – give these teenagers the discipline they need in their own lives?

The teens involved were put forward by local schools in West Sussex, who had run out of ideas of how to deal with them.

Liam was typical - 14 years old, sullen, aggressive, foul mouthed and about to be permanently excluded from school. Allie, Rob and Ellie, had similar problems – they couldn't concentrate, they didn't like being told what to do and they had serious anger problems. Katrina was different. She was so shy that she had developed agoraphobia, she suffered from depression and had taken herself out of mainstream education.

Gradually, working with the dogs began to have an impact on the kids. But, in order to fully appreciate the significance of what they were doing, they needed to meet the disabled people who benefited from having these dogs. The meetings had a profound impact on the teenagers. After meeting Eileen Hobson and her dog Sailor, Liam changed his ways and his unlikely friendship with severely disabled wheelchair user Eileen blossomed.

Two months into the course Liam began to connect with the dogs too - particularly a young yellow Labrador called Aero. The relationship flourished so much that the dog often knew instinctively what the teenager wanted him to do before he'd even asked. "He just knows," says Liam.

Liam's school noticed a huge change in his whole outlook. His teacher Nick Brown said, "More than anything I see a confident and happy young man. It's been superb."

## Glossary 词汇表

<b>ATMs – 提款机</b>	<b>disabled people – 残疾人</b>
<b>disruptive – 调皮捣蛋的</b>	<b>unruly – 任性的</b>
<b>dog trainers – 训狗人</b>	<b>consistency – 一贯性</b>
<b>discipline – 纪律</b>	<b>put forward by – 由...挑选出</b>
<b>to deal with – 处理</b>	<b>sullen – 阴沉的, 不高兴</b>
<b>foul mouthed – 满口脏话</b>	<b>permanently excluded (from school) – 永远被驱逐出(学校)</b>
<b>being told what to do – 受人教诲</b>	<b>agoraphobia - 广场恐怖症</b>
<b>taken herself out of – 自我脱离某个地方</b>	<b>to fully appreciate - 完全领悟</b>
<b>blossomed - 开花, 繁荣 (在文章中指两人成了好朋友)</b>	<b>to connect with - 和...达成了共鸣, 有默契</b>
<b>flourished - 蒸蒸日上</b>	<b>knew instinctively – 本能反应</b>

### 1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. Assistance dogs usually help people who are disabled. True / False
2. "Dog House" is a trial on TV to see if the teenagers can change the dogs' behaviour. True / False
3. All the five teenagers were scared of large, open spaces. True / False
4. Liam became good friends with Eileen. True / False
5. According to his teacher, Liam has changed a lot. True / False

## 2. Words with two meanings 多义词

All of the words below have two meanings. Match them with their definitions.

下列所有单词均有两个词义。请找出与其对应的定义来：

lead                  can                  kid                  course                  shy

1. A young goat.
2. The place you can play golf.
3. Be able to do something.
4. Take someone somewhere.
5. A thin piece of material you attach to a dog when you take it for a walk.
6. Almost the same level or amount as something else.
7. A metal container (for example, for keeping beans or vegetables).
8. A young person or teenager.
9. A series of lessons or lectures.
10. Someone who is nervous or uncomfortable with other people.

Now complete the sentences.

请完成下列句子：

1. She finished her English \_\_\_\_\_ last year and now she's studying French.
2. I'm just going to open a \_\_\_\_\_ of tomato soup for lunch.
3. Her leather gloves are so soft they must be \_\_\_\_\_ leather.
4. Put the \_\_\_\_\_ on the dog and let's take him to the park.
5. My grandmother died just \_\_\_\_\_ of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **3. Error Correction** 改错

**Each of these sentences has a mistake in it. Find the mistake and rewrite the sentence correctly.**

下列句子中各有一个错误。找出错误并写出正确的句子。

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2. The experiment was show on TV.

3. The teenagers were very badly behaviour.

4. A bit by bit, the dogs changed the way the youngsters behaved.

5. Liam and Eileen became closed friends.

6. Liams school saw a big change in his attitude and point of view.

#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with assistance dogs in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与帮家犬有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

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