

'On-Demand' Tutoring Makes Homework Less Stressful

(NAPSA)—Students aren't the only ones who struggle with homework—parents also suffer through stressful nights of trying to help their children navigate through school assignments. In fact, a recent survey by Russell Research found that more than half of parents experience frustration while trying to help their kids complete math homework.

"It's been a long time since I sat in a math class and the subject is taught very differently now," says Tami Casey, a mother of two school-aged children who lives in San Jose, Calif. "I find myself spending quite a bit of time reviewing the textbooks and doing my own homework to help my kids with their questions."

With so many parents already juggling a demanding schedule of work and family commitments, how can they keep nightly homework difficulties from adding to their woes? More important, what can they do to keep their children from falling behind, particularly in the two subjects—math and science—so necessary if they're to compete in a global economy?

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It's significant that three out of five parents surveyed said that getting help with homework, as they need it, would ease their anxiety. One Web-based company, Tutor.com, offers just that kind of on-demand tutoring. Unlike traditional in-person tutors—or even other online sites—where parents are required to schedule



On-demand tutoring can help time-pressed families deal with homework problems.

specific dates and times for sessions well in advance, this service offers immediate connections to a professional tutor the moment a student needs help.

"Getting one-to-one, on-demand help from a professional tutor empowers students to get assistance at the first sign of trouble, rather than wait until there's a significant learning problem," explains George Cigale, CEO of Tutor.com.

A poll of 700 professional math tutors reveals these additional strategies to set the stage for homework success:

- Be relaxed and comfortable.
- Use real-world examples to make the material more accessible.
- Break difficult problems down into clear steps.
- Get help the same day a question arises.

For more information on how to make homework a less daunting task this school year, visit www.tutor.com.