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Hard Alone, Possible Together: Zone of Proximal Development

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Have you ever watched a problem that stalled when tackled alone start to open up with a short hint from the classmate next to you or a single question from the teacher? Tasks that are already familiar feel boring, and tasks that are too far ahead leave only frustration. The stretch in between—‘a bit hard, yet doable with help’—that is the ‘zone of proximal development (Zone of Proximal Development).’ Put simply, the zone of proximal development means ‘the distance between the actual developmental level at which a learner can solve problems alone and the potential developmental level at which t