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UNIT ONE

. What Women Do Better^員

Susan V. Seligson

As any woman can attest , there are some things at which her gender naturally excels. In the past decade , academic research has offered insight into the feminine advantage :

Studies show that , on average , women perform better in all aspects of language usage , says Diane Halpern , a psychology professor and author of *Sex Differences in Cognitive Abilities*. The differences show up early : girls begin talking before boys , have larger vocabularies at an earlier age , and produce more varied and sophisticated sentences. Data show that girls score higher than boys in reading and writing.

Verbal superiority may continue into adulthood. Studies show that women excel at certain verbal-fluency tests, such as listing multiple words that begin with the same letter. Some researchers have also found that women are more adept at learning foreign languages than men are.

匀舜增宰皂藻援 According to psychologist Doreen Kimura , women outperform men on “ precision manual tasks ”. In studies involving quick , accurate , small movements , including a pegboard test (in which subjects place small pegs into holes as quickly as they can) , women outdo men.

杂责澳尔藻译 Women's noses know. In one study of 员缘 men and women , Richard L. Doty , of the University of Pennsylvania Smell and Taste Center in the United States , asked randomly selected sniffers to identify scents. He found that , on average , women outperformed men. Women also have lower odor “ threshold , ” meaning they can detect fainter odors than men can.

Women do better than men on hearing tests , too. And their hearing deteriorates less rapidly than men's over time , according to Mary Anne Baker , a psychology professor.

Besides all that , women are better able to discern and later recall the location of objects in a given space , which perhaps explains why some husbands can stare into the refrigerator , eyes focused directly on the milk , and ask , “ Is there any milk ? ”

杂燥署各拜增 Women smile and laugh more , gaze more directly at others , and sit or stand closer to people than men do , according to psychologist Judith Hall of Northeastern University in Boston. In 圆 studies of videotaped public gatherings , the difference was pronounced. Female doctors also smile considerably more than their male colleagues.

Women interrupt less , are more likely to be complimentary , and laugh at other people's jokes more , reports Linda Carli , a psy-

chology professor who has spent 员 years studying gender differences in social interactions. Women even disagree agreeably , as in “ That’s a good point , but. . . . ”

In numerous studies , women also read nonverbal cues—facial expressions , body movements , changes in tone of voice—more accurately than men do , according to Hall. Women’s faces are generally more expressive than men’s , too , says Hall.

月燥吐燥蕴燥旱 As more women rise to upper management , researchers have examined differences in how men and women lead. Women tend to share power , encourage participation , and boost their employees’ sense of self-worth , observes Professor Judy B. Rosener. Many of the women she surveyed believe subordinates perform best when they feel good about themselves , and women tend to foster that feeling. In significant contrast , their male counterparts exercise more formal authority and care more about hierarchy , Rosener found.

Women also score higher on “ integrity tests ” designed to predict discipline problems on the job , according to Frank Schmidt , a professor of human resources. These tests—which indicate possible problems such as tardiness and a tendency to steal—showed gender differences.

阴吐燥燥杂燥旱 The world record for swimming the English Channel was set in 员苑 by Penny Dean of California. Lynn Cox was the only person to swim the Bering Strait. 圆

The reason behind the female edge猿 in long-distance swimming may be a higher percentage of body fat. This extra fat maintains

body temperature in cold water and increases buoyancy. Christine Wells, a physical education professor, suggests that this keeps women at an optimum swimming position high in the water.

In many cases, of course, science has yet to distinguish inborn differences between males and females from those fostered by society. And remember that study results reflect overall averages—there will always be some cases in which men perform as well as or better than women. But research does seem to explain what wives have wondered all along: why can't husbands hear the baby crying?

晕 宰 燥 译

gender /'dʒendə(r)E	n.	性
excel /ik'sel/	vi.	胜过他人
feminine /'feminin/	a.	女性的
cognitive /'kɒgnitiv/	a.	认识的, 认识过程的
superiority /sju:'piəri'ɔrəti/	n.	优势
adept /'ædept/	a.	擅长的, 内行的
outperform /ˌaʊtpə'fɔ:m/	vt.	做得比……好; 胜过
pegboard /'pegbɔ:d/	n.	(某些游戏中使用的)小钉板
sniffer /'snifə(r)E	n.	嗅探器
odor /'əʊdə(r)E	n.	气味
threshold /'θrefhəʊld/	n.	[生]限, 临界
deteriorate /di'tiəriəreit/	vi.	退化, 衰退
discern /di'sə:n/	vt.	识别, 认出
savvy /'sævi/	n.	理解, 智慧, 实际知识
pronounced /prəʊ'naʊnst/	a.	显著的, 明显的

complimentary /ˌkɒmplɪ'mentəri/	a.	赞美的 恭维的
boost /buːst/	vt.	提高 增强
integrity /in'teɡrəti/	n.	正直 诚实 完善
tardiness /'tɑːdɪnɪs/	n.	缓慢 拖延
buoyancy /'bɔɪənsi/	n.	浮力
optimum /'ɒptɪmə/	a.	最优的 最佳的

翻译题

- . The selection is taken from *Readers' Digest*, July 1980.
- . Bering Strait : a strait connecting the Bering Sea to the Arctic Ocean 白令海峡
- . female edge : the advantage women have

阅读理解题

I 阅读理解题

- . What are the feminine advantages mentioned in the passage ?
- . What are the gender differences in language at a very early age ?
- . What does the author mean by saying " women have lower odor ' threshold ' " ?
- . Why are women better able than men to locate things , for example , in a refrigerator ?
- . Are there any gender differences in social interactions ? If yes , find some evidence to show the difference.

远 How do women differ from men in their way of management ?

- . What is the basic idea behind women executives' behavior ?
- . What is the author's explanation for the fact that women can outperform men in swimming ?

II 援配怎哪录译本则阅置精译录上

- . Do you agree with the author that women are more sociable and agreeable ? Why or why not ?
- . Do you think women's advantages over men are inborn or fostered ? Explain.
- . What can men do better than women ? Give examples.

. Women and Work^员

Casey Miller & Kate Swift

" Do you talk to a working woman any differently than a housewife ?"

Advertising Executive

What are housewives if not working women ? According to a recent study , the average housewife works 怨. hours a week at a variety of jobs (purchasing agent , cook , cleaner , eco-nomist , chauffeur , etc.) for which the combined hourly pay scales would have earned her an annual salary of \$ 员范缘缘. in the job market.