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Subject: Re: IDL (8.6.0) Help not working after update to MacOS Sierra 10.12.5  
Posted by [laura.hike](#) on Fri, 14 Jul 2017 19:44:28 GMT

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Try using google to get help. ;^)

On Friday, July 14, 2017 at 7:42:51 AM UTC-7, Jonathan wrote:

> I just joined this thread after upgrading my Mac to OS X 10.12.5, which required I finally update from IDL 8.2 to 8.6. I also find that the help system does not operate, and this workaround did not work for me.

> Jonathan

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