

CHARACTERISTICS OF GIFTED CHILDREN

1. Gifted children have unique learning styles and learn in different ways from other children.
2. Gifted children learn at a faster pace and solve problems rapidly.
3. Gifted children are very curious and tend to ask complex questions.
4. Gifted children often give complicated answers; their detailed explanations show greater depth of understanding of topics than those of their classmates.
5. Gifted children are quick to recognize relationships, even relationships that others miss.
6. Gifted children organize information in new ways, creating new perspectives.
7. Gifted children often see many solutions to a problem.
8. Gifted children think more abstractly than that of their age mates, involving hypothetical possibilities in addition to present realities.
9. Gifted children may have large vocabularies and tend to express themselves well.
10. Gifted children often see ambiguity in what appears to be factual information.
11. Gifted children have unusually good memories
12. Gifted children may be natural leaders and may initiate and organize activities for others.
13. Gifted children may enjoy working independently and easily become absorbed in the mastery of skills.
14. Gifted children may prefer the company of older children or adults.
15. Gifted children may like to be best in everything and may refuse to participate in activities in which they might fail.
16. Gifted children are often perfectionists and become very upset when things do not go as they envisioned.
17. Gifted children have broad and in-depth knowledge about specific subjects.
18. Gifted children can tap own references and have many projects at home

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