

Creative Characteristics

Gifted children's creative abilities often set them apart from their age-mates. These characteristics may take the following forms:

Gifted children are fluent thinkers, able to generate possibilities, consequences, or related ideas.

They are flexible thinkers, able to use many different alternatives and approaches to problem solving.

They are original thinkers, seeking new, unusual, or unconventional associations and combinations among items of information.

They can also see relationships among seemingly unrelated objects, ideas, or facts.

They are elaborate thinkers, producing new steps, ideas, responses, or other embellishments to a basic idea, situation, or problems.

They are willing to entertain complexity and seem to thrive on problem solving.

They are good guessers and can readily construct hypotheses or "what if" questions.

They often are aware of their own impulsiveness and irrationality, and they show emotional sensitivity.

They are extremely curious about objects, ideas, situations, or events.

They often display intellectual playfulness and like to fantasize and imagine.

They can be less intellectually inhibited than their peers are in expressing opinions and ideas, and they often disagree spiritedly with others' statements.

They are sensitive to beauty and are attracted to aesthetic values.