

- Constantly asking questions about anything and everything.
- Often offers unusual, unique or clever responses.
- Is uninhibited in expressions of opinion.
- Is a high-risk taker; is adventurous and speculative.
- Is often concerned with adapting, improving and modifying institutions, objects and systems.
- Displays a keen sense of humor.
- Shows emotional sensitivity.
- Is sensitive to beauty.
- Is nonconforming; accepts disorder; is not interested in details; is individualistic; does not fear being different.
- Is unwilling to accept authoritarian pronouncements without critical examination.

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#### **Leadership characteristics**

- Carries responsibility well.
- Is self-confident with children his or her own age as well as adults.
- Can express him- or herself well.
- Adapts readily to new situations.
- Is sociable and prefers not to be alone.
- Generally directs the activity in which he or she is involved.

# Characteristics of giftedness

*(Based on research compiled by Dr. J. Renzulli)*

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## **Learning characteristics**

- Has unusually advanced vocabulary for age or grade level.
  - Has quick mastery and recall of factual information.
  - Wants to know what makes things or people tick.
  - Usually sees more or gets more out of a story, film, etc., than others.
  - Reads a great deal on his or her own; usually prefers adult-level books; does not avoid difficult materials.
  - Reasons things out for him- or herself.
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## **Motivational characteristics**

- Becomes easily absorbed with and truly involved in certain topics or problems.
  - Is easily bored with routine tasks.
  - Needs little external motivation to follow through in work that initially excited him or her.
  - Strives toward perfection; is self-critical; is not easily satisfied with his or her own speed and products.
  - Prefers to work independently; requires little direction from teachers.
  - Is interested in many "adult" problems such as religion, politics, sex and race.
  - Stubborn in his or her beliefs.
  - Concerned with right and wrong, good and bad.
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## **Creativity characteristics**