

What are some general characteristics of being gifted? What are some challenges of being gifted?

General Characteristics:

- Acquires/retains information quickly
- Inquisitive; searches for significance
- Intrinsic motivation
- Enjoys problem solving; able to conceptualize, abstract, synthesize
- Seeks cause/effect relations
- Seeks to organize things and people
- Large facile vocabulary; advanced, broad information
- Emphasizes truth, equity, and fair play
- High expectations of self and others
- Creative/inventive; likes new ways of doing things
- Intense concentration; long attention span and persistence in areas of interest
- Sensitivity, empathy; desire to be accepted by others

Possible Challenges:

- Impatient with others; dislikes basic routines
- Asks embarrassing questions; excessive in interests
- Strong-willed; resists direction
- Resists routine practice; questions teaching procedures
- Dislikes unclear/illogical areas
- Constructs complicated rules; often seen as bossy
- May use words to manipulate; bored with school and age-peers
- Worries about humanitarian concerns
- Intolerant, perfectionistic; may become depressed
- May be seen as disruptive and out of step
- Neglects duties or people during periods of focus; resists interruption; stubbornness
- Sensitivity to criticism or peer rejection