

High Achievers, Gifted Learners, and Creative Thinkers

| A High Achiever... | A Gifted Learner... | A Creative Thinker... |
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| Remembers the answers | Poses unforeseen questions | Sees exceptions |
| Is interested | Is curious | Wonders |
| Is attentive | Is selectively mentally engaged | Daydreams; may seem off task |
| Generates advanced ideas | Generates complex, abstract ideas | Overflows with ideas, many of which will never be developed |
| Works hard to achieve | Knows without working hard | Plays with ideas and concepts |
| Answer the questions in detail | Ponders with depth and multiple perspectives | Injects new possibilities |
| Performs at the top of the group | Is beyond the group | Is in own group |
| Responds with interest and opinions | Exhibits feelings and opinions from multiple perspectives | Shares bizarre, sometimes conflicting opinions |
| Learns with ease | Already knows | Questions: What if... |
| Needs 6 to 8 repetitions to master | Needs 1 to 3 repetitions to master | Questions the need for mastery |
| Enjoys the company of age peers | Prefers the company of intellectual peers | Prefers the company of creative peers but often works alone |
| Understands complex, abstract humor | Creates complex, abstract humor | Relishes wild, off-the-wall humor |
| Grasps the meaning | Infers and connects concepts | Makes mental leaps: Aha! |
| Completes assignments on time | Initiates projects and extensions of assignments | Initiates more projects that will ever be completed |
| Is receptive | Is intense | Is independent and unconventional |
| Is accurate and complete | Is original and continually developing | Is original and continually developing |
| Enjoys school often | Enjoys self-directed learning | Enjoys creating |
| Absorbs information | Manipulates information | Improvises |
| Is a technician with expertise in a field | Is an expert who abstracts beyond the field | Is an inventor and idea generator |
| Memorizes well | Guesses and infers well | Creates and brainstorms well |
| Is highly alert and observant | Anticipates and relates observations | Is intuitive |
| Is pleased with own learning | Is self-critical | Is never finished with possibilities |
| Gets A's | May not be motivated by grades | May not be motivated by grades |
| Is able | Is intellectual | Is idiosyncratic |