The following list describes characteristics common in gifted four and five-year-olds. These unique children:

* express curiosity about many things
* ask thoughtful questions
* have extensive vocabularies and use complex sentence structure
* are able to express themselves well
* solve problems in unique ways
* have good memories
* exhibit unusual talent in art, music, or creative dramatics
* exhibit especially original imaginations
* use previously learned things in new contexts
* are unusually able to order things in logical sequence
* discuss and elaborate on ideas
* are fast learners
* desire to work independently and take initiative
* exhibit wit and humor
* have sustained attention spans and are willing to persist on challenging tasks
* are very observant
* show talent in making up stories and telling them
* are interested in reading.

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