

**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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