

# Gifted and talented checklist for parents

## *Things my child has done*

Carefully read each of the following descriptions. Each item is followed by a series of examples; use the examples to help understand the description in the item. Decide how much you agree that your child is like the description. Mark your agreement on the scale from strongly agree (SA) to strongly disagree (SD). Fill in one circle for each item. If you are unclear or haven't noticed how your child compares to an item, fill in the **Unsure or don't know** circle. Then, tell us about a time your child did the things in the item. Try to recall specific incidents or examples about your child. Feel free to add extra pages of stories or examples to tell us more about your child.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This child:

### 1. **Has quick recall of information.**

(e.g. immediately remembers facts, series of numbers, events, words from songs or movies, or parts of conversation heard earlier)

SA 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 SD

Unsure or don't know

A personal example:

**2. Knows a lot more about some topics than do other children that age.**

(e.g. recounts facts about dinosaurs, sports, electronics, maths, books, animals, music, art, etc; finds out a lot about a particular subject on his or her own)

SA 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 SD

Unsure or don't know

A personal example:

**3. Uses advanced vocabulary.**

(e.g. surprises older children and adults with the big words used; uses words unusual for a child, knows the correct terms, exact words or labels for things; acts and speaks like a grown-up when talking to adults; uses simpler words when talking to peers or younger children)

SA 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 SD

Unsure or don't know

A personal example:

**4. Began to read or write early.**

(e.g. said or could read individual words at a very young age; started to read before entering school; likes to write or tell stories; learned to read without being taught)

SA 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 SD

Unsure or don't know

A personal example and age of child at the time:

**5. Shows unusually intense interest and enjoyment when learning about new things.**

(e.g. has lots of energy and interest when learning; frequently and persistently asks how and why questions; is not satisfied with simple answers; wants to know details; loves how-to-do-it and nonfiction books)

SA (10) (9) (8) (7) (6) (5) (4) (3) (2) (1) (0) SD

Unsure or don't know

A personal example:

**6. Understands things well enough to teach others.**

(e.g. teaches other children how to do things; explains things so that others can understand; explains areas of interest to adults)

SA (10) (9) (8) (7) (6) (5) (4) (3) (2) (1) (0) SD

Unsure or don't know

A personal example:

**7. Is comfortable around adults.**

(e.g. spends time with and talks to adults who visit the house; likes the company of adults; enjoys talking with adults; understands adult humour and creates funny sayings or jokes adults can appreciate)

SA (10) (9) (8) (7) (6) (5) (4) (3) (2) (1) (0) SD

Unsure or don't know

A personal example:

**8. Shows leadership abilities**

(e.g. other children ask my child for help; organises games and activities for self or others; makes up the rules and directs group activities; may be bossy)

SA (10) (9) (8) (7) (6) (5) (4) (3) (2) (1) (0) SD

Unsure or don't know

A personal example:

**9. Is resourceful and improvises well.**

(e.g. puts together various household objects to make inventions or solve a problem; uses unusual objects for projects; objects in unusual ways; makes 'something out of nothing')

SA (10) (9) (8) (7) (6) (5) (4) (3) (2) (1) (0) SD

Unsure or don't know

A personal example:

**10. Uses imaginative methods to accomplish tasks.**

(e.g. makes creative short cuts; doesn't always follow the rules; good at finding creative ways to get out of work)

SA (10) (9) (8) (7) (6) (5) (4) (3) (2) (1) (0) SD

Unsure or don't know

A personal example:

**11. Use the rest of this page or its back to tell us anything you think is important about your child that we have not asked about.** Please feel free to add any information you think might be useful in giving us a clear picture of what your child has done. Be as specific as possible in describing your child's interests and accomplishments. If you can share some copies of your child's creative work, we would be delighted to have them.