

GIFTEDNESS CHECKLIST

Read the following descriptions and rate each on a 10-point scale with “0” being **Strongly Disagree** and “10” being **Strongly Agree**. If you have not observed your child doing what the statement describes or don’t know the answer, please tick the box **Don’t Know**. High scores do not automatically confirm giftedness, but suggest superior functioning. In this case, further assessment is recommended.

Your child:

- 1) **Has quick recall of information** (e.g., quickly remembers factual information, numbers, specific events, words from songs or movies, or parts of conversations that took place earlier).

Strongly Disagree 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **Strongly Agree**

Don’t Know

- 2) **Knows more about specific topics than children of the same age** (e.g., detailed information and facts about dinosaurs, sports and sports people, electronics and computers, games, animals...etc.).

Strongly Disagree 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **Strongly Agree**

Don’t Know

- 3) **Uses advanced vocabulary** (e.g., spontaneous and appropriate use of “big words”, knowledge and use of exact labels and terms, speaking like a grown up when talking to adults and age appropriate language use when talking to peers or younger children).

Strongly Disagree 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **Strongly Agree**

Don’t Know

- 4) **Begun to read and write early** (e.g., read separate words at a very young age, started reading before school, shows enjoyment to write and tell stories, learned to read without being taught).

Strongly Disagree 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **Strongly Agree**

Don’t Know

- 5) **Shows unusually strong interest and enjoyment when learning about new things** (e.g., very energetic and enthusiastic when learning, asks “why” and “how” questions with real interest in knowing the answers, dissatisfied with “too simple” answers, shows interest in details, loves non-fiction books).

Strongly Disagree 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **Strongly Agree**

Don't Know

- 6) Shows understanding of things well enough to teach others (e.g., can teach other children how to do things, explains his/her areas of interests to adults, explains things in ways that others can understand).

Strongly Disagree 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **Strongly Agree**

Don't Know

- 7) **Is comfortable around adults** (e.g., happy to spend time with and talk to adults visiting the parents, enjoys adult company, shows an understanding of adult humor and can respond in a humorous way).

Strongly Disagree 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **Strongly Agree**

Don't Know

- 8) **Shows leadership qualities** (e.g., other children turn to him/her for help, can organize activities and games for self and others, makes up rules and can direct activities, at times may be bossy and impatient).

Strongly Disagree 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **Strongly Agree**

Don't Know

- 9) **Is resourceful** (e.g., uses household objects to make up novel things or to solve problems, uses unusual objects for projects, can make “something out of nothing”).

Strongly Disagree 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **Strongly Agree**

Don't Know

- 10) **Uses imaginative ways to accomplish tasks** (e.g., makes creative shortcuts, doesn't always follow the rules, can find creative ways to get out of work).

Strongly Disagree 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **Strongly Agree**

Don't Know