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**CHARACTERISTICS OF GIFTEDNESS SCALE**

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Compared to other children your child's age, to what extent do these descriptors fit your child?

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b><u>Not True</u></b>	<b><u>Uncertain</u></b>	<b><u>True</u></b>	<b><u>Very true</u></b>
1. Reasons well (good thinker)	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Learns rapidly	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Has extensive vocabulary	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. Has an excellent memory	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. Has a long attention span*	_____	_____	_____	_____
6. Sensitive (feelings hurt easily)	_____	_____	_____	_____
7. Shows compassion	_____	_____	_____	_____
8. Perfectionistic	_____	_____	_____	_____
9. Intense	_____	_____	_____	_____
10. Morally sensitive	_____	_____	_____	_____
11. Has strong curiosity	_____	_____	_____	_____
12. Perseverant when interested*	_____	_____	_____	_____
13. Has high degree of energy	_____	_____	_____	_____
14. Prefers older companions/adults	_____	_____	_____	_____
15. Has a wide range of interests	_____	_____	_____	_____
16. Has a great sense of humor	_____	_____	_____	_____
17. Early or avid reader**	_____	_____	_____	_____
18. Concerned with justice, fairness	_____	_____	_____	_____
19. Judgment mature for age <i>at times</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____
20. Is a keen observer	_____	_____	_____	_____
21. Has a vivid imagination	_____	_____	_____	_____
22. Is highly creative	_____	_____	_____	_____
23. Tends to question authority	_____	_____	_____	_____
24. Shows ability with numbers	_____	_____	_____	_____
25. Good at jigsaw puzzles	_____	_____	_____	_____

*\*(Long attention span or perseverant if interested; Does the child stay with tasks for long periods of time?)*  
*\*\*(If the child is too young to read, is intensely interested in books)*

**COMMENTS:**

Please give examples if possible:

**1. Reasons**

well \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Learns**

rapidly \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Has extensive**

vocabulary \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Has an excellent**

memory \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Has a long attention**

span \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Sensitive (feelings hurt**

easily) \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Shows**

compassion \_\_\_\_\_

**8.**

Perfectionistic \_\_\_\_\_

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**9.**

Intense \_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Morally**

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