Highly-capable Child	Gifted Child
Knows the answer	Asks the questions
Is interested	Is mentally and physically involved
Has good ideas	Has wild, silly ideas
Works hard	Plays around, but tests well
Answers the questions	Discusses in detail, elaborates
Is in the advanced group/class	Goes beyond the group/class
Listens with interest	Shows strong feelings/opinions
Learns with ease	Already knows—innate ability
Requires 6-8 repetitions	Requires 1-2 repetitions
Understands main ideas	Constructs abstractions
Enjoys peers	Prefers adults
Grasps the meaning	Draws inferences
Completes assignments	Initiates projects
Is receptive	Is intense
Copies accurately	Creates a new design
Enjoys school	Enjoys learning
Absorbs information	Manipulates information
Is a technician	Is an inventor
Enjoys sequential learning	Thrives on complexity
Is alert	Is keenly observant
Is pleased with own learning	Is highly self-critical

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