

INTENSITY

A salient descriptor that characterizes the personality of a gifted child is intensity. Intensity takes many forms that can be both strengths and weaknesses. Recognizing and understanding these intensities can help toward improving the social and emotional life of a child.

- INTENSITY OF THOUGHT
“Her mind is always whirring.”
- INTENSITY OF PURPOSE
“Once he makes up his mind to do something, he’s not satisfied until it’s accomplished.”
- INTENSITY OF EMOTION
“She internalizes anything anyone says about her.”
- INTENSITY OF SPIRIT
“He’s always looking for someone less fortunate who needs help.”
- INTENSITY OF SOUL
“She asks questions that philosophers have asked for centuries and gets upset when we can’t give her definitive answers to them.”

Eight Great Gripes of Gifted Kids

When Gifted Kids Don't Have All the Answers

1.

No one explains what being gifted is all about – it's kept a big secret.

2.

School is too easy and too boring.

3.

Parents, teachers and/or friends expect us to be perfect all the time.

4.

Friends who really understand us are few and far between.

5.

Kids often tease us about being smart.

6.

We feel overwhelmed by the number of things we can do in life.

7.

We feel different and alienated.

8.

We worry about world problems and feel helpless to do anything about them.

Do you have other gripes that aren't on this list?