



TABLE 15.1 Illustrations of Gifted Behavior as Portrayed by Renzulli's "Three-Ring" Model

Gifted Behavior	Examples
Above-Average Ability (general)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High levels of abstract thought• Adaptation to novel situations• Rapid and accurate retrieval of information
Above-Average Ability (specific)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applications of general abilities to specific area of knowledge• Capacity to sort out relevant from irrelevant information• Capacity to acquire and use advanced knowledge and strategies while pursuing a problem
Task Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capacity for high levels of interest, enthusiasm• Hard work and determination in a particular area• Self-confidence and drive to achieve• Ability to identify significant problems within an area of study• Setting high standards for one's work
Creativity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fluency, flexibility, and originality of thought• Open to new experiences and ideas• Curious• Willing to take risks• Sensitive to aesthetic characteristics