

Some Characteristics Associated with Creativity

- Thinks of many ideas in everyday situations
- Uses materials in unexpected ways
- Looks at things from different points of view (varied perspectives)
- Sees unique or unusual possibilities
- Refines ideas or adds details to make ideas more complex and interesting
- May be seen by others as a risk-taker
- Is sensitive to paradoxes, inequities or injustices, and unusual events
- Synthesizes: draws ideas from many sources, integrates ideas, makes patterns
- Is alert to transformations or ways to combine, modify ideas
- Often possesses a sharp, accurate, caustic wit
- Is nonconforming, but not necessarily deliberately so
- Displays a high energy level for preferred tasks
- Is alert, aware, sensitive—often notices things that go unseen by others
- Prefers complexity
- Expresses ideas, emotions, and reactions in a spontaneous manner
- Is curious, exploring, playful, adventurous in spirit; enjoys toying with objects, ideas
- Is imaginative; displays rich use of imagery
- Is strongly motivated to achieve in situations calling for independence
- Is eager to communicate ideas and accomplishments to audiences
- Is easily bored by low-level or routine tasks, may drift off into own thoughts
- Actively seeks opportunities to be creative
- Suspends judgment about new possibilities
- Is more concerned with expression (using tasks or requirements as a springboard for own ideas) than with completing tasks or requirements set by others
- Takes an affirmative, constructive approach to new ideas or directions for problem solving
- Prefers and trusts own judgments and evaluations to those of others (can lead to resentment by others)