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Definitions of gifted or talented students are numerous. Does it mean “genius”? Does it mean “really bright” or “book smart”? Or is it an over-used phrase that has no meaning at all? Isn't everyone's child “gifted” in one way or another? Nazarro (1978) defines gifted students as “...children, and, when applicable, youth, who are identified at the preschool, elementary, or secondary level as possessing demonstrated or potential abilities that give evidence of high performance capability in areas such as intellectual, creative, specific academic or leadership ability, or in the performing and visual arts...” So how do you know if your child is gifted? According to experts, generally, if you notice that your child has abilities — intellectual, physical, artistic, linguistic, spatial, or others — that far exceed those of his or her peers, that's giftedness, and it is important that these abilities are given special attention. In other words, gifted kids need special attention to help them take advantage of those gifts. Thus, the early years are extremely important in nurturing and stimulating intellects. Once they're stimulated, they take off. So help your child to soar by creating an environment that honours the gifts you know about — and tickles the ones that are just below the surface. When they are recognized for their talents, they grow and perform, and produce amazing things. When their gifts are underutilised, often they are bored and don't reach their full potential.

Hence, that's what this book is all about – to provide parents of young children with ideas and tips on how to linguistically guide and at the same time challenge them. The reader-friendly chapters in this book are written to show what parents can do to assist and encourage their children linguistically. It is important that their language giftedness be holistically developed, as a solid and sound foundation in all the language skills would allow them to thrive further in multiple areas. Happy Reading!

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