

Seeing Children in a New Light

The words we use when we talk about children can affect our perception of them and eventually their perception of themselves. Children tend to live up to our expectations of them, so be aware of the expectations, attitudes, and beliefs you present to the children in your classroom. Listed below are some words you might use to describe children. See if you can match any of the words on the left to other words on the right. Which are more 'positive?'

1. Spirited	1. Slow
2. Persistent	2. Nosy
3. Original	3. Bossy
4. Memorable	4. Hyper
5. Independent	5. Cry-baby
6. Sensitive	6. Always wants to be first
7. High Energy	7. Lazy
8. Leader	8. Oversensitive
9. Risk Taker	9. Spacey
11. Enthusiastic	11. Outsider
12. Watchful	12. Won't follow rules
13. Careful	13. Rule-breaker
14. Marches to his/her own beat	14. Shy