

Who Are The Gifted?

Creative and imaginative people are not often recognised by their contemporaries. In fact, often they are not recognised in school by their teachers either. Here are some examples:

Einstein was four years old before he could speak and seven before he could read.

Isaac Newton did poorly in school.

Beethoven's music teacher once said of him, "As a composer he is hopeless."

When **Thomas Edison** was a boy, his teachers told him that he was too stupid to learn anything.

F.W Woolworths' first employer, would not let him serve the shops customers he "didn't have enough sense."

A newspaper editor sacked **Walt Disney** because he had "no good ideas."

Leo Tolstoy dropped out of college.

Admiral Richard E Byrd had been retired from the navy as unfit for service until he flew over both poles.

Louis Pasteur was rated as mediocre in chemistry when he attended the royal college.

Louisa May Alcott was told by an editor that she could never write anything that had popular appeal.

Winston Churchill failed at school.

Fred Astaire's report once read ; "Can't sing, can't act, can dance a little."