

STUDENT's Strengths

STUDENT can be a real handful, especially when placed in an unfamiliar environment or asked to work with unfamiliar people. It can take STUDENT a very long time to adjust to new places and new people, but once he's comfortable, STUDENT can be a very sweet and happy boy. As with any child, a happy STUDENT will cooperate and learn much more efficiently.

- STUDENT responds well to music and silly sounds. A great way to motivate him is to sing or make up rhymes.
- STUDENT can make up very complicated word games and enjoys participating in turn-taking word games. However, if you can't figure out the "rules" of STUDENT's game he can become quite frustrated.
- STUDENT is a comedian. He's funny and makes up his own jokes.
- STUDENT enjoys swimming and is very comfortable in the water. The pool is a great place to introduce new concepts or movements.
- STUDENT can be very stubborn and opinionated. This may not seem like a strength at first, but STUDENT will sometimes go to such great lengths in order to *not* cooperate that he will demonstrate very advanced problem solving skills.
- STUDENT is very sweet and affectionate with his family.
- STUDENT can learn new words and concepts quickly. His receptive language is very good and he will listen to and understand explanations. This also means that you should not say something around STUDENT that you don't want him to hear.
- STUDENT has a long attention span.
- STUDENT likes to eat and try new foods. New tastes are exciting to STUDENT, though if a food has an unappetizing name (like "lasagna"), he may turn it down (however, rename it "pasta" and he's fine).

STUDENT's "mood" is a major factor in his ability to learn. When STUDENT is in a good mood, he will listen, respond, and cooperate. When he's in a bad or lethargic mood, he's nearly impossible to work with. STUDENT's mood is best in the morning hours. STUDENT does burn out easily, though, and needs frequent "cool down" periods in between learning activities where he can simply listen to music or lay on his back and play silly word games.