

# Wunderkinder

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? Austrian composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) began composing at the age of four or five. Many attribute the term “wunderkind” to Mozart.

? The German term “wunderkind” translates literally into English as “wonder child.” The term has come to mean “child genius” or child prodigy” in many languages.

? The origins of child prodigies usually come down to the “nature versus nurture”/genetics or environment argument. Recent studies suggest a combination contributes to success.

? Many professional athletes were prodigies in their sports as children. Hockey Hall of Famer, Wayne Gretzky, scored 378 goals and 139 assists when he was ten against kids much older than him.

? Edmund Thomas Clint was an artistic Indian child prodigy who tragically died at the age of six in 1983. He produced more than 25,000 drawings and paintings in his short life.

? Mental calculators are people who can add, subtract, multiply, and divide large and complex numbers in their heads. Many mental calculators begin as children.

? The fictional school of Hogwarts in the Harry Potter franchise is host to several magically inclined wunderkinder. Only children with magical skills are admitted!

? Michael Kevin Kearney is a child genius who turned his smart into bucks. After graduating from high school in 1990 at the age of six, Kearney went to college and later made money on trivia game shows.

? Mozart's older sister Maria was also a musical prodigy, but it was a man's world at the time, so she was pushed into marriage.

? Perhaps the most infamous of all child prodigies is Ted Kaczynski, better known as the Unabomber. Before his bombing campaign, Kaczynski enrolled at Harvard at the age of 16.

? The late Bobby Fischer became the youngest (at the time), chess grandmaster, at the age of 15 in 1958. Not bad for a high school dropout!

? Savant is the French word for a scholar, scientist, or even a genius. In English, the word is more commonly associated with the condition, savant syndrome.

? A 2014 study of 18 child geniuses found that they all had excellent memories. The kids were also sticklers for details.

? If you really like bacon, then there's a good chance you've used the "Makin Bacon" plate. Abbey Fleck was only six when she invented the convenient device.

? Adragon De Mello graduated from UC, Santa Cruz in 1988 at the age of 11. He then decided to be a normal kid and enroll in a local junior high before going to the Florida Institute of Technology.

? The spelling bee is believed to have originated in the US during the 1800s in elementary schools. The Scripps National Spelling bee began in 1941.

? The advanced placement (AP) program opened across the US in 1955. The non-profit organization, the College Board, started the program to offer college-level tests and courses to high school kids.

? Michael W. O'Boyle led a research team in 2005 on computational prodigies. They determined that mental calculations have increased