

Dear Readers,

So you think you're ordinary. You think you're not so special.
You think you're not as smart as other kids you know.

Have I got news for you!

**There's something very special about you—something you can do
that no one else in the world can do quite like you!**

You're wondering what this special thing could be? Good.
(Wondering about things in the world is a good thing to do.)

But if you're having a hard time figuring out what makes you special,
a few clues might help.

And here they are.

1. You can do this special thing any place—at home, in school,
on the playground—absolutely anywhere!
2. You can do this thing any time—morning, afternoon,
evening or night—absolutely anytime!
3. And you can do this thing whether you're alone
or with other people!
4. You don't have to be rich to do this.
5. You don't need a computer or any special tools to do this.
6. Children and adults can do this.
7. You can do this with your eyes open or closed.

Do you think you know what that special thing is? Have you been making some guesses? Good. Even if you don't know the answer, at least you're trying to figure it out on your own. *You've been thinking about it.*

In fact, without knowing it, you've been doing that special thing you've been trying to figure out! *You've been THINKING!*

As it turns out, **THINKING** is the one thing you can do that no one else can do quite like you. And that makes you very special. You're a thinker like nobody else! And the more you think, the better your ideas will be and the more you can give good reasons for why you think the way you do! Better still, **thinking** can be lots of fun!

This book is filled with mind-boggling "thought puzzles" and challenging "brain stretchers" like these:

Are leaves always green?

Do you think stars can wink?

Can tarantulas eat spaghetti?

Is it possible for books to grow on trees?

Are owls wise enough to add and subtract?

What does it mean to say, "Two heads are better than one"?

Don't be afraid to think about these puzzles and stretchers, and then give reasons why you think what you do. You can do this with your parents, your brothers and sisters, your friends, or all by yourself.

Have fun!

- Donna Benedetti