

Flowers for Algernon—Vocabulary

Complete each sentence by dragging the vocabulary words to the designated spaces.

acceleration	illiteracy	invariably	plateau	rowdier
cerebral	impaired	misled	plateau	seldom
contrary	impaired	naiveté	progressive amnesia	tangible
deceived	inferior	obscure	refute	vacant
deteriorates	inferiority complex	obscured	regression	verified
deterioration	introspective	opportunist	regression	verified

1. Charlie wanted to _____ the fact that he was losing his intelligence.
2. Toward the beginning of the story, Algernon _____ beat Charlie in every race.
3. The more drunk Charlie became, the _____ his co-workers became.
4. The reader becomes increasingly _____ as he or she nears the end of the story, contemplating whether the surgery was a good or a bad decision for Charlie.
5. Charlie's writing was _____ by his mental disability.
6. It's possible that Charlie's co-workers thought of him as an _____, who just wanted to get ahead.
7. Charlie rushes to complete his research before his inevitable _____.
8. The relationship between Dr. Nemur and Dr. Strauss _____ throughout the story.
9. Charlie wanted the results of his research _____ by other scientists.
10. Miss Kinnian was justified in her reaction to Charlie's _____.
11. Dr. Nemur developed a surgical procedure to increase _____ strength and ability.
12. Before his surgery, Charlie seemed to have reached a _____ at his janitorial job.
13. _____ to Burt's insistence that Algernon needs to work for his food, Charlie believed that Algernon should just get fed.

14. Joe and Frank _____ Charlie into thinking they were laughing with him when they were actually laughing at him.
15. Once Charlie's intelligence grew, it is likely that his co-workers signed the petition against him out of a significant _____.
16. Charlie _____ thought bad things about anyone before his surgery.
17. Joe and Frank _____ Charlie into thinking they were his friends.
18. An early _____ benefit of Charlie's operation was his improved skill at spelling.
19. Charlie used his research to _____ the work of Drs. Nemur and Strauss.
20. Because of his mental _____, Charlie could no longer read German.
21. Charlie's earlier progress reports don't exactly display _____, but his writing skills are clearly indicative of a struggle with language and mental processes.
22. Charlie's bed was likely _____ quite a bit, since he spent many nights doing research in the lab.
23. When Joe and Frank mock Charlie, his _____ shines through as he convinces himself that they are his good friends.
24. Toward the beginning of the story, Charlie felt _____ to Algernon.
25. The doctors, Miss Kinnian, and Charlie were all afraid of mental _____ once Algernon began acting in an aggressive manner.
26. The repeated Rorschach tests given to Charlie _____ his progress, compared with his initial Rorschach test.
27. Miss Kinnian's tears when Charlie returned to her classroom likely _____ her vision.
28. Charlie's ability to understand people's intentions was _____ before his surgery.
29. Charlie's reading speed increased with incredible _____ after his surgery.
30. Before his surgery, Charlie seemed to have reached a _____ at his janitorial job.