Aphasia Book Club

Flowers for Algernon

Week 2: pages 26-48

Worksheet B

1. As Charlie is gaining intelligence, he is understanding his interactions with other people in a different way and realizes people have been making fun of him. Do you think it is good or bad that he realizes his “friends” have been mean to him?

Bad Good

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

2. What do you think of the TV show that Charlie listens to at night? Do you have any ideas about what he might be learning? (page 25 to 26)

He is learning:

1. Science
2. Foreign languages
3. Math
4. Facts about the world

3. On page 47, Dr. Strauss says to Charlie, “The more intelligent you become the more problems you’ll have, Charlie. Your intellectual growth is going to outstrip your emotional growth.” Do you agree that Charlie is going to become more upset as he gets smarter?

Yes, I totally agree No, I don’t agree at all

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

4. Do you think Charlie’s intelligence has been increasing quickly or more slowly? (Hint: Charlie had the operation on March 11th and we read up to April 15th on page 47).

1. Very slowly
2. Slowly
3. Quickly
4. Very quickly