Flowers for Algernon

1. refute: give evidence to prove an argument or statement false
2. introspective: inward looking; thoughtful
3. renounced: gave up
4. simultaneously: at the same time
5. incredulously: with doubt or disbelief
6. opportunist: one who takes advantage of every opportunity, regardless of consequences.
7. tangible: able to be seen, touched, or felt; real.
8. intellectual: appealing to or involving intelligence or mental ability.
9. invariably: constantly; always
10. cower: to shrink away, as in fear or shame, to hide
11. obscure: to hide: conceal
12. impaired: lessened in quality; damaged
13. stimulus: something that causes a response  
      
    **Words to Know**:  
    **Inference**: Looking at information in the context that allows you to make assumptions about what the author leaves unstated.  To make inferences, use details the author provides as clues.  
            \* what the characters say about one another  
            \* what the characters do and behave  
      
    **Point of View:** is the perspective from which a story is told.  Most stories are told from first-person or third person point of view.   
      
     **Irony**: contrast between what is and what ought to be.
14. Situational irony: exists when the outcome of a situation is the opposite of what someone has come to expect. (Charlie expects that being smart will help him fit in, but instead he sees how people laugh at him.)
15. Dramatic irony: readers have important knowledge that the character does not. (Charlie thinks Frank and Joe like him a lot, but they are cruel to him.)