

### In Order To Get To Your Goal There Is Obstacles

Struggles are like obstacles, you need to go around them in order to get to your goal. In the fictional short story “Flowers For Algernon” written by Daniel Keyes tells us about a motivated 37-year-old man named Charlie Gordon with the I.Q of 68 who struggles to achieve his tough goal of becoming smart. He writes progress reports about his adventure to become smart and writes about his lifestyle. “Flowers For Algernon” shows motivation with Charlie’s journey, how he beat Algernon, and people encouraging him to keep going.

To begin with, Charlie’s journey shows his struggles and his motivation to keep going. Charlie developed a motivation to start getting smart so he tries to get any chance he gets. For instance, Charlie mentions “ If you volenteer for this experament you mite get smart” (286-287). This relates to motivation because Charlie is willing to come foward and take a risk to become intelligent. Charlie detects this as a risky but worth it opportunity. Charlie realizes that after the operation he makes small but good progress. For example, when Charlie states “Anyway, now I know I’m getting smarter everyday”(293). He is aware that he, will not be able to be a genius after one day of the operation. He developed a growth mindset and stays confident throughout the difficult journey. Charlie’s motivation keeps expanding by him seeing the brighter side in his journey.

Prior to, his adventure of getting smart Charlie also shows motivation in how he beats and loses to Algernon. When Charlie loses he feels unworthy and heartbroken. Charlie at first doesn’t beat Algernon but knows that if he tries and becomes patient he will eventually. As noted on page 288, Charlie acknowledged that “ Maybe someday i will beat Algernon”. This relates to motivation because Charlie realizes that a mouse can’t beat him. He then notices that a mouse can certainly beat him and he

needs to try his best so he could get chosen for the operation. In the text Daniel Keyes purposely spells motivation as MOTORvation. This connects to motivation because MOTOR-vation says a car and its motor the car needs its motor to run like a person needs something to get it motivated. Charlie is motivated to beat Algernon by knowing that a mouse is beating him. Losing can also be helpful because without losing you have nothing to strive for.

Eventually, People around Charlie's environment started helping him out. Miss Kinnian motivates Charlie by telling him that he's getting better than her. "It's true, Charlie. You're already a better reader than I am.",(296) mentions Miss Kinnian. This relates to motivation because Miss Kinnian is motivating Charlie to do the best he could. Charlie sees this as a way to keep going. Dr. Strauss is telling Charlie to keep writing his progress reports so he could track his progress and adventure. "Dr Strauss says I shud keep writing things down but I dont have to do it everyday just when I think of something or something speshul happins."(288), states Charlie. This connects to motivation because it shows how Dr. Strauss is helping Charlie. This tells Charlie to keep writing and to keep writing down his journey. This helps with motivation because it shows how people around Charlie can help him keep going and not quitting.

In conclusion,"Flowers for Algernon" shows motivation with the three reasons Charlie's journey, how he beats Algernon, and how people around him motivate him. This is important because without it you don't have anything to keep going with or to strive for. Motivation affects lives because it shows how people will do better if they have something to aim for. It tells you to keep going and not stopping. Even though there might be obstacles you can overcome them and get to your goal. Life is like a car's gas tank without enough gas it will eventually stop.

