

Characterization → How Charlie Changes

Punctuation is Fun!

**Directions:** Rewrite these excerpts, correctly using appropriate punctuation marks in the appropriate places.

*“You got to mix them up, she showed? me” how. to mix! them) up,. and now; I can! mix up all kinds” of punctuation, in writing? There, are lots! Of rules? to lern; but im getting’g them in my head.*

*One thing I? Like about, Dear Miss Kinnian: (that’s the way it goes in a business letter if I ever go into business) is she, always gives me’ a reason” when—I ask. She’s a gen’ius! I wish I cou’d be smart” like, her; (Punctuation, is; fun!)”*

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*“Today, I learned, the comma, this a comma (,) a period, with a tail, Miss Kinnian, says its important, because, it makes writing, better, she said, somebody, could lose, a lot of money, if a comma, isnt, in the, right place, I dont have, any money, and I dont see, how a comma, keepsyou, from losing it. But she says, everybody, uses commas, so Ill use, Them too.”*

### (Too) Hooked on Phonics

In order to write his journal entries, Charlie uses a strategy called phonetic spelling. Many words in English can be spelled (and read) using phonics... but not all of them.

**Directions:** Correctly spell these words from Charlie’s writing.

1. shud:
2. rite:
3. faled:
4. skared:
5. pockit:
6. happind:
7. acheve:
8. intelekt:
9. operashun:
10. nuthing:
11. pepul:
12. dint:
13. argament:
14. hospitil:

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15. becaus
16. laffed:
17. practis:
18. lerned:
19. factery:
20. practise:
21. lesin:
22. sholder
23. discoridged:
24. memary:
25. bandijis:
26. natcher
27. intristed
28. brede
29. experament
30. amazed
31. rekemmeded
32. perminint

Venn Diagram

**Directions:** Create a Venn diagram to compare Charlie to Algernon.

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Before and After

**Directions:** Compare these areas from the story. Include examples of dialogue or statements from the story to validate.

<b>Area of Comparison</b>	<b>Before Surgery</b>	<b>After Surgery</b>
<i>People laughing</i>		
<i>Spelling</i>		
<i>Thinking skills</i>		
<i>Language</i>		
<i>Social skills</i>		
<i>Opinion of doctors</i>		
<i>Opinion of Miss Kinnian</i>		
<i>Impressions of friends</i>		
<i>Self-impression</i>		