

SMART ON THE INSIDE

Vocabulary

Introduction

astonished (xv)	very surprised
apprehensively (xv)	fearfully, feeling uneasy

1 Struggling to Learn

reluctantly (1)	not wanting to do something
embarrassed (2)	feeling people have a bad opinion about you
contempt (3)	hatred, disgust
eventually (3)	after a long time
frustrated (4)	disappointed, discouraged

2 Losing Hope

uncontrollably (5)	not able to stop
reassuring (5)	encouraging, comforting
valued (6)	appreciated, cherished
humiliated (7)	made to feel stupid

3 Realizing Talents

demonstrate (9)	to show people how to do something
thrive (9)	do well succeed
confidence (10)	feeling that you can do something well

4 Developing Job Skills

excelled (11)	to be very good at a skill or subject
accomplishment (12)	something that you have succeeded in doing
desperately (12)	a great need to do something
accommodate (14)	adjust to
anxious (15)	uneasy, concerned

5 Gaining Self-Confidence

competent (17)	capable, excellent
intelligent (18)	smart
intelligence (18)	ability to learn, understand, and think
relieved (18)	pleased, glad
skeptical (19)	not believing it, doubtful

6 Buying My Own McDonald's Restaurant

financially (21)	relating to money
corporate (21)	large company
executive (22)	an important manager in a large company
positive qualities (23)	useful and valuable characteristics
work ethic (23)	belief that you need to work hard
opportunity (25)	chance

7 Revealing My Secret

fortunate (27)	lucky, blessed
established (27)	started
passionate (28)	eager, excited
insecurities (28)	feelings of not being confident or skilled

8 Helping Others Understand

strategies (31)	methods or tips that help you learn
accommodations (31)	adaptations made to classroom activities
modified (31)	changed
inspirational (32)	motivational, influences others to succeed
imagined (33)	thought it would happen
self-awareness (33)	understanding disabilities and using abilities
self-advocacy (33)	knowing how to stand up for yourself
contribution (34)	part done by a person on a project
achieve (36)	to succeed in doing something
potential (37)	capability, capacity for development

9 Honesty Leads to Inspiration

synagogue (39)	building where Jewish people worship
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Epilogue

compelling (41)	captivating, extremely interesting
formidable (41)	very difficult
literacy (41)	reading and writing
persuaded (42)	convinced
diagnostic (42)	test results that show if a person has a disability and his/her educational needs
necessary (43)	essential, something you need to do