

BEEZUS AND RAMONA

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Synopsis

Beezus is having a hard time dealing with her sister, Ramona, who is continually being her pesky self. And the worst of it, is that sometimes Ramona doesn't even get in trouble - like the time Ramona wrote in the library book and her mother had to pay for it.

Then Beezus had to take Ramona to her art class, and the teacher liked Ramona's picture better. This anger at her own sister confuses Beezus and makes her feel guilty. Until one day her mother tells her that she can still love Ramona without liking everything she does. Beezus learns that part of being in a family is getting along and loving everyone, even though you may not like everything they do.

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Lesson 1

Chapters 1

1. What was Ramona planning to wear to the library that Beezus complained about to her mother?
 - A. Rabbit ears
 - B. Her swimsuit
 - C. Her roller skates

2. At the library, Ramona wants her own library card. Why couldn't she get one?
 - A. They hadn't brought enough money to buy one.
 - B. Their library only allowed one card for each family.
 - C. Ramona couldn't write her name yet, as was required.

3. What happened to Ramona when she wrote in the library book?
 - A. She received a spanking.
 - B. The librarian became very angry.
 - C. Ramona's mom had to pay for the damaged book.

4. Circle the even which happened first.
 - A. Ramona wrote in the library book.
 - B. The librarian gave Ramona a book she could keep.
 - C. Mrs. Wisser stopped by their house to visit the girls.

5. What does "exasperating" mean?

6. What did Miss Evans, the librarian mean when she said, "Good luck Beatrice?"

7. How would you feel if you had a sister like Ramona?

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Lesson 2

Chapters 2

1. Who is Ralph?
 - A. Ramona's imaginary green pet lizard
 - B. Beezus' imaginary pet lizard
 - C. Ramona's friend from school

2. What kind of class is Beezus taking at the Recreational Center?
 - A. A dancing class
 - B. An art class
 - C. A gymnastics class

3. Beezus wishes she were more like Ramona in one way. What was it?
 - A. To have an imagination
 - B. To have long flowing hair
 - C. To have brown eyes

4. Circle the event that happened last.
 - A. Ramona took Wayne's lollipop.
 - B. Beezus threatened to tickle Ramona.
 - C. Beezus paints her second picture.

5. What does "admiration" mean?

6. Describe or draw an imaginary animal of your own.

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Lesson 3

Chapters 3-4

1. Why does Ramona get sent to her room?

2. Ramona gets sent to her room a second time. What did she do this time?

3. While Beezus was babysitting Ramona, she wasn't able to find her at first. Where did she finally find her?

4. Number these events in the correct order.
_____ Ribsy takes Ramona's cookie.
_____ Ramona has to go to the bathroom.
_____ Ribsy gets locked in the bathroom.
_____ Ramona wants to play checkers.

5. When Beezus gets angry with Ramona, it makes her mixed up. What is she mixed up about?

6. Do you ever get angry with anyone in your family? How do you get over it?

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Lesson 4

Chapters 5

1. Why was Ramona signing, "I'm going to have a partee"?
 - A. It was raining outside.
 - B. There was a rabid dog running around in the neighborhood.
 - C. Ramona had a cold and couldn't go outside.
3. What game did Beezus help the children play?
 - A. Pin the tail on the donkey
 - B. London Bridge
 - C. A parade
4. When they were children, who was the bookworm, Aunt Beatrice or Beezus' mother?
5. What made Beezus think that her mother missed Aunt Beatrice when she couldn't get over very often?

6. If you were Ramona's mother, what would you have done when she started throwing one of her temper tantrums?

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Lesson 5

Chapters 6

1. How did Ramona spoil the second birthday cake?
 - A. She opened the oven door and it stopped rising.
 - B. She put her doll in the oven and it melted.
 - C. She broke some eggs and put the shells in the cake.

2. Why was Ramona pulling graham-cracker crumbs out of her pocket and sprinkling them across the rug?
 - A. She wanted to feed their pet bird.
 - B. She was looking for a nickel that she had lost in her pocket.
 - C. She was pretending to be Hansel making a trail.

3. What was the second present Beezus opened from her Aunt Beatrice?
 - A. a sewing box
 - B. a book called 202 Things to Do on a Rainy Day
 - C. a blue dress

4. Beezus is still bothered by her bad feelings towards Ramona. When she tells her mother, what does her mother say?
 - A. She doesn't have to love her sister all the time.
 - B. She is a horrible person for feeling that way.
 - C. People don't always like everyone they meet.

5. What do you think her mother meant by saying that Beezus didn't have to love Ramona all the time?
6. Can you love someone and still get angry with him (or her) sometimes? Explain.

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Answer Key

Lesson 1

1. A
2. C
3. C
4. C
5. Exasperating means irritating or annoying
6. Answers will vary. Miss Evans the librarian might have meant Beezus needs good luck to keep Ramona out of trouble.
7. Answers will vary. Most children feel it would be very frustrating to have a sister like Ramona.

Lesson 2

1. A
2. B
3. A
4. C
5. Admiration means to think highly of someone or something.
6. Check to see what they drew or described as their imaginary animals.

Lesson 3

1. Ramona gets sent to her room because she is bothering the chess game that Beezus and Henry are playing.

2. The second time Ramona got sent to her room was for locking the dog in the bathroom.
3. Beezus found Ramona in a corner of the basement where she was taking bites out of all the apples.
4. The correct order is: 2, 4, 3, 1
5. Beezus is mixed up because she thinks that you are always supposed to like your family and sometimes she doesn't like what Ramona does.
6. Answers will vary. There are many good ways to vent anger. A few are going for a walk, reading a book, working on a hobby, talking to the person about it, and watching television until you feel better.

Lesson 4

1. Ramona was singing, "I'm going to have a partee," because she invited a group of her friends over for a party without telling her mother.
2. A
3. C
4. When Beezus' mother was a child she was a bookworm.
5. Beezus thinks her mother misses her sister, Aunt Beatrice, when she doesn't come over because her mother had sighed at the idea of not seeing her. She mentions that the first few weeks of school will soon be over and then Aunt Beatrice will have more time to come over again.
6. Answers will vary. Ramona's mother might have sent her to her room, taken away her television time, taken away something she wanted, or ignored her and not given in.

Lesson 5

1. B
2. C
3. C
4. A
5. When Beezus' mother said that she didn't have to like Ramona all the time, she probably meant that even when you love someone you may not like her actions all of the time.
6. You can love someone and get angry sometimes because people are different and you don't have to agree on everything. You can also love someone without liking a particular thing he does. No one is perfect.