

**\*\*\*Student Questions\*\*\***

**Romona and Her Father**

**Chapter 1: Payday p 11- 31**

1. Why was payday Ramona's favorite day next to Christmas and her birthday?
2. What was the joyful noise that Ramona was making as she made out her Christmas list?
3. What was Ramona's favorite payday treat?
4. Why was Beezus complaining about school work?
5. How do you know that Beezus was a responsible student ?
6. Why does Mrs. Quimby say that Beezus is so cross lately?
7. What was in the bag that Mr. Quimby brought the girls?
8. Why did Beezus say that she knew something was wrong with her parents?
9. What did Mrs. Quimby say was wrong with Mr. Quimby?
10. Why couldn't Ramona do anything to help her family troubles?
11. What was the one item Ramona printed in pink on her Christmas list?

**Chapter 2: Ramona and the Million Dollars pp. 32-61**

1. What was the biggest change in the Quimby household since Mr. Quimby lost his job?
2. Why couldn't Ramona's father take her to the park when he was babysitting her after school?
3. How did Mr. Quimby say that the kid on TV was earning a million dollars?
4. By watching television commercials, what did Ramona hope?
5. Why was Ramona embarrassed when she ate chicken?
6. Why did Ramona think she had displeased her teacher Mrs. Rogers?
7. What did Mr. Quimby tell Ramona to do while he had a conference with Mrs. Rogers?

8. Why did Romana think the burdock plant was better than Tinker toys?
9. What did Mrs. Rogers tell Mr. Quimby about Ramona at the conference?
10. How did Ramona react to Mrs. Roger's comments?
11. How did Mr. Quimby try to remove the crown off Ramona's head?
12. What did Beezus suggest to get the burrs out of Ramona's hair?
13. How did Mrs. Quimby solve Ramona's burr problem?
14. How did Mr. Quimby make Ramona happy while he was cutting her hair off?

### **Chapter 3 “The Night of the Jack-O-Lantern” pp. 62-85**

1. Why did Ramona’s father smile so little?
2. What is Murphy’s Law?
3. What will happen to Picky-picky if he doesn’t eat what he is given?
4. What is a whetstone used for?
5. When do Ramona’s parents call her “Baby”?
6. After Beezus’ and Mr. Quimby’s fight what did Ramona grab before she went to bed for comfort?

### **Chapter 4 “Ramona to the Rescue” pp. 86-115**

1. What was the worst part of school for Ramona?
2. Working together, how many signs did Ramona and Beezus make while their father was out trying to get the car fixed?
3. Why could Ramona not play with Howie?
4. Why was Mr. Quimby late returning home and not waiting for his daughter to come back from school?
5. What is one of Ramona’s dreams that her father thinks is not practical?
6. What does Ramona’s father draw in the “big” picture?

### **Chapter 5 “Beezus’s Creative Writing” pp. 116-139**

1. Who is Beezus’ creative writing teacher?
2. For her writing assignment, what must Beezus find?
3. Who does Beezus interview for her paper?
4. What will Beezus write her paper on?
5. What is Howie’s last name?
6. What happened the first time Ramona tried to walk with the tin-can stilts?

### **Chapter 6 “The Sheep Suit” pp. 140-160**

1. Who is the superintendent of Sunday school?
2. Which of the children in Sunday school will be sheep, along with Ramona, in the nativity scene?
3. While eavesdropping on her parents’ conversation, what does Ramona hear her father say that makes her angry?
4. Where did Ramona now go after school because her father could not be home in time to welcome her?
5. Why did Mr. Quimby have the windows open one afternoon when Ramona came home from school?
6. What is Mr. Quimby’s view of a family?

### **Chapter 7 “Ramona and the Three Wise Persons” pp. 161-186**

1. What incredible thing happened right before Christmas for Ramona’s father?
2. Why was Ramona the only unhappy person in the family?
3. Who are the really tall girls Ramona encounters supposed to be?
4. What does Ramona think she needs to look like a real sheep?
5. Why could Ramona now be in the nativity scene?

**\*\*\*Answer Key\*\*\***

**Romana and Her Father**

**Chapter 1: Payday p 11- 31**

1. Why was payday Ramona's favorite day next to Christmas and her birthday? (got treats)
2. What was the joyful noise that Ramona was making as she made out her Christmas list? (yeap)
3. What was Ramona's favorite payday treat? (Whopperburger)
4. Why was Beezus complaining about school work? (creative writing)
5. How do you know that Beezus was a responsible student ? (did homework on Friday, not waiting until Sunday)
6. Why does Mrs. Quimby say that Beezus is so cross lately? (reached difficult age)
7. What was in the bag that Mr. Quimby brought the girls? (Gummy bears)
8. Why did Beezus say that she knew something was wrong with her parents? (whispering)
9. What did Mrs. Quimby say was wrong with Mr. Quimby? (lost his job)
10. Why couldn't Ramona do anything to help her family troubles? (couldn't earn money)
11. What was the one item Ramona printed in pink on her Christmas list? (one happy family)

**Chapter 2: Ramona and the Million Dollars pp. 32-61**

1. What was the biggest change in the Quimby household since Mr. Quimby lost his job? (Mr. Quimby)
2. Why couldn't Ramona's father take her to the park when he was babysitting her afterschool?(telephone job)
3. How did Mr. Quimby say that the kid on TV was earning a million dollars? ( Whopperburger commercial)
4. By watching television commercials, what did Ramona hope?( somebody see her and offer her \$1,000,000)

5. Why was Ramona embarrassed when she ate chicken? (mother reprimanded for smacking and licking fingers)
6. Why did Ramona think she had displeased her teacher Mrs. Rogers? (elephant's legs with wrinkled stockings)
7. What did Mr. Quimby tell Ramona to do while he had a conference with Mrs. Rogers (go play)
8. Why did Romana think the burdock plant was better than Tinker toys? (stuck together)
9. What did Mrs. Rogers tell Mr. Quimby about Ramona at the conference? (impatient, good reader, but careless speller, draws well, printing the best, show off and forgot manners)
10. How did Ramona react to Mrs. Roger's comments? (I do not show off)
12. How did Mr. Quimby try to remove the crown off Ramona's head? (one burr at a time)
12. What did Beezus suggest to get the burrs out of Ramona's hair? (soaking)
13. How did Mrs. Quimby solve Ramona's burr problem ? (cut her hair)
14. How did Mr. Quimby make Ramona happy while he was cutting her hair off? (wouldn't trade her for \$1,000,000)

### **Chapter 3 “The Night of the Jack-O-Lantern” pp. 62-85**

1. Why did Ramona’s father smile so little? (he can’t find a job)
2. What is Murphy’s Law? (anything that can go wrong will)
3. What will happen to Picky-picky if he doesn’t eat what he is given? (Mr. Quimby will get rid of him)
4. What is a whetstone used for? (to sharpen knives)
5. When do Ramona’s parents call her “Baby”? (when they’re worried about her)
6. After Beezus’ and Mr. Quimby’s fight what did Ramona grab before she went to bed for comfort? (her panda bear)

### **Chapter 4 “Ramona to the Rescue” pp. 86-115**

1. What was the worst part of school for Ramona? (Review)
2. Working together, how many signs did Ramona and Beezus make while their father was out trying to get the car fixed? (a dozen or twelve)
3. Why could Ramona not play with Howie? (he had tonsillitis)
4. Why was Mr. Quimby late returning home and not waiting for his daughter to come back from school? ( he had to collect his unemployment insurance)
5. What is one of Ramona's dreams that her father thinks is not practical? (stop on the interstate bridge and put one foot in Oregon and one foot in Washington)
7. What does Ramona's father draw in the "big" picture? (Mount Hood)

#### **Chapter 5 "Beezus's Creative Writing" pp. 116-139**

1. Who is Beezus' creative writing teacher? (Mrs. Mester)
2. For her writing assignment, what must Beezus find? (an old person)
3. Who does Beezus interview for her paper? (Mrs. Swink)
4. What will Beezus write her paper on? (tin-can stilts)
5. What is Howie's last name? (Kemp)
6. What happened the first time Ramona tried to walk with the tin-can stilts? (she fell off the cans)

#### **Chapter 6 "The Sheep Suit" pp. 140-160**

1. Who is the superintendent of Sunday school? (Mrs. Russo)
2. Which of the children in Sunday school will be sheep, along with Ramona, in the nativity scene? ( Howie and Davy)
3. While eavesdropping on her parents' conversation, what does Ramona hear her father say that makes her angry? (he calls her a spoiled brat)

4. Where did Ramona now go after school because her father could not be home in time to welcome her?  
(Howie's house)
5. Why did Mr. Quimby have the windows open one afternoon when Ramona came home from school?  
(he was trying to get rid of the smell of the cigarette he had smoked)
6. What is Mr. Quimby's view of a family? (a family is not perfect)

**Chapter 7 "Ramona and the Three Wise Persons" pp. 161-186**

1. What incredible thing happened right before Christmas for Ramona's father? (he got a job)
2. Why was Ramona the only unhappy person in the family? (her sheep costume was not finished for the play)
3. Who are the really tall girls Ramona encounters supposed to be? (The three wise persons)
4. What does Ramona think she needs to look like a real sheep? (a black nose)
5. Why could Ramona now be in the nativity scene? (her parents wouldn't recognize her)