

CBM #10/Grade 4

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**Instructions**

You are going to read this story titled Ramona's Family out loud. This story is about a conversation between Ramona and her family (place the reading passage in front of the child, face down). Try to read each word. You can use your finger to keep your place. If you come to a word you don't know, I'll tell it to you. You will read for one minute. Be sure to do your best reading. Do you have any questions? (Turn the passage right side up). Put your finger on the first word. Begin.

Ramona's Family

"Too bad about him." Mr. Quimby blew a cloud of smoke toward the ceiling. 13

"He goes next door and mews as if we never give him anything to eat," said Beezus. 29

"It's embarrassing." 31

"He'll just have to learn to eat what we can afford," said Mr. Quimby. "Or we will get 48

rid of him." 51

This statement shocked Ramona. Picky-picky had been a member of the family since 62

before she was born. 66

"Well, I don't blame him," said Beezus, picking up the cat and pressing her cheek against 81

his fur. "Puss-puddy stinks." 84

Mr. Quimby ground out his cigarette. 89

"Guess what?" said Mrs. Quimby, as if to change the subject. "Howie's grandmother 100

drove out to visit her sister, who lives on a farm, and her sister sent in a lot of pumpkins for jack- 122

o'-lanterns for the neighborhood children. Mrs. Kemp gave us a big one, and it's down in the 138

basement now, waiting to be carved. 144

"Me! Me!" cried Ramona. "Let me get it!" 151

"Let's give it a real scary face," said Beezus, no longer difficult. 162

"I'll have to sharpen my knife," said Mr. Quimby. 170

"Run along and bring it up, Ramona," said Mrs. Quimby with a real smile. 182

Relief flooded through Ramona. Her family had returned to normal. She snapped on the 195

basement light, thumped down the stairs, and there in the shadow of the furnace pipes, which 211

reached out like ghostly arms, was a big, round pumpkin. Ramona grasped its scratchy stem, 225

found the pumpkin too big to lift that way, bent over, hugged it in both arms, and raised it from 245

the cement floor. The pumpkin was heavier than she had expected, and she must not let it drop 263

and smash all over the concrete floor. 270