

# Ramona Quimby, Age 8

dismal – gloomy; miserable

ceaseless – not stopping; constant

pelting – beating against again and again

dreary – gloomy; dull

discouraged – having little hope or enthusiasm

cross – in a bad mood; grumpy

stalked – walked in a stiff or angry manner

mute – silent

sullenly – in a bad-humored way

indignant – angry because something is unfair

omission – something left out

vaguely – not clearly

lariat – a rope that cowboys use

sulkily – in an angry but silent way

protested – complained

flounced – walked in an angry way

vexed – bothered by

exhausted – very tired

sustained – continued

unappreciated – not valued or thought to be important

relented – softened in attitude

cognitive – having to do with how the mind acquires knowledge

snooping – looking in a sneaky way

checker – someone who works the cash register at a store

rumpled – messed up

emerged – came out of

feeble – weak

bustle – busy activity



overtime – payment for working extra hours

gourmet – serving fancy and expensive food

transmission – the system in a car by which power is carried from the engine to the wheels

balked – stopped short and refused to go

vending machine – a machine you can buy small items from, such as candy

Muzak – background music played in elevators, offices, and malls

rummage – a sale of used items, such as clothing

scowled – made an angry face at; frowned

party – (in this case) a group of people

upholstered – covered with material, as a couch is

seething – in a state of turmoil

pry – to snoop; to try to find out something

dreaded – greatly feared

bliss – complete happiness

tart – sharp-tasting

dribbled – dripped, trickled

companionable – friendly

stern – serious; strict

eavesdropping – listening secretly to a private conversation

tip – extra money left in a restaurant for the person who served you

genuine – not false; real

determined – trying really hard

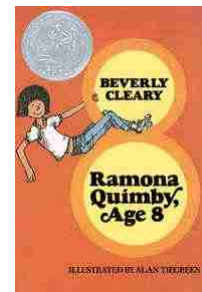
descended – arrived suddenly

astonishment – sudden great surprise

wraps – outer clothes; coats

obediently – willingly

rhythmic – in time to a beat



accuracy – exactness

curdled – spoiled, like milk

confession – the act of admitting something

**\*\*This test will be in 2 parts, not all words will appear on this test. Study hard and you will do fine. To help, you may use a standard size note card to write down any words or definitions that you are having difficulty with. You may only use 1 card, and no more. Both sides can be used.\*\***