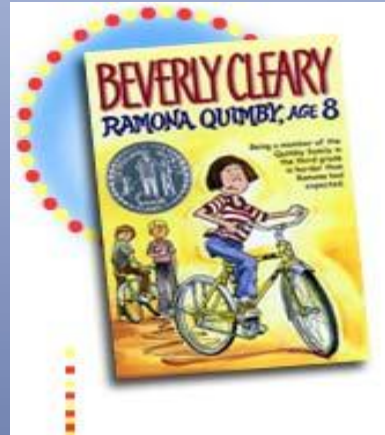


# RAMONA QUIMBY, AGE 8



Lesson 24  
Day 1

# Question of the Day

Name a time you were  
embarrassed.

How did you react?

I was embarrassed when \_\_\_\_\_.

# Realistic Fiction

- A made up story
- A story that could actually occur in real life

What would be our purpose for reading realistic fiction?

- For enjoyment
- To understand characters
- To understand situations

## **Your purpose for listening to the story today .....**

- Listen for what is happening in the story.
- Think about how the characters in the story are feeling.
- Listen to see if I use good expression when I read.

## Yard Sale!

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Sandy had asked her mother over and over again for a new soccer ball. Her mother finally said that Sandy could have the ball, if she could earn the money to buy it. Of course, Sandy didn't want just any soccer ball. She wanted the one with her favorite player's signature on it, and so it cost more than a regular ball.

Sandy *really* wanted that soccer ball, so she asked her friends to think of a way to earn enough money for it. Emma suggested that she should have a yard sale. Jess and Jenny said that it was not only a great idea, but that they would like to join in and earn some money of their own. Working together they would be able to have a larger sale and attract more customers. They would each sell some of their old toys and games, and Jess and Jenny could also sell some homemade muffins.

The four girls made posters to advertise the yard sale and Sandy's mother helped them put the signs up around the neighborhood. Many neighbors came to shop and by the end of the afternoon almost everything had been sold. Sandy had enough money for her soccer ball!

Why does  
Sandy need  
to earn  
money?

How do  
Sandy and  
her friends  
earn money?

## Accented and Unaccented Syllables

A syllable is a word part with only one vowel sound.

What is the vowel sound in this word?

cat

When words have more than one syllable, one of the syllables is accented more than the others.

They had enough money for the books.

# Word Work

## Words with accented and unaccented syllables

Boys and girls: “In words that have more than one syllable, one of the syllables is stressed more than the other.”

e-nough´

mó -ney

When one syllable is stressed or accented, the other is unstressed or unaccented. The accented syllables are followed by accent marks in a dictionary.

How should we divide the words  
and which syllable is accented?

secret

trophy

deserve

se' - cret

tro' - phy

de-serve'



# Spelling

1. upon
2. above
3. cover
4. apart
5. either
6. alike
7. awake
8. afraid
9. across
10. agree
11. amount
12. ahead
13. alive
14. alive
15. around

Focus Skill

# Cause and Effect

Boys and Girls, remember that the reason an event happens is the **cause** and what happens is the **effect**. Events usually cause other events to happen.

# Focus Skill: Cause and Effect

•Read page 257.

Fred loved to play his tuba. He liked its low, rich sound. He played it morning, noon, and night. His dog often howled along with him.

Fred went to a tryout to join his school's band. He did not get in because he played too loudly.

At home he asked his mother, "What can I do?" Fred's mother played the piano while he played. He listened to the piano and soon he could play the song with his mother. "Now I know to play softly when I play along with others," Fred said.



- What happened?
- Why did it happen?

# Cause and Effect

**Cause**

Frank loved  
the tuba.



**Effect**

Frank played  
the tuba  
morning,  
noon, and  
night.

Focus **Skill:** Cause and Effect

## Listening Comprehension

Nonfiction articles include only facts that can be verified, or proved to be true.

We listen to the nonfiction articles to learn new things about a topic.

# Listening Comprehension

cause and effect

Finding information in nonfiction text

- Listen to the story “All about Books”

- Notice the order of events in the history of books
- In the Middle Ages there were not many books
- As a result, not many people could read

Authors often explain why things happen by showing how one event leads to another.

Without the first event, the second would never have happened.



# individually

- If you speak to your four friends one at a time, you speak to them **individually**.
- A typesetter had to put each letter into place **individually**.
- The word is...
- **individually**
- What is the word?
- **individually**
- Do you eat raisins **individually** or do you eat several at a time?



# affordable

- If you have enough money to buy something, that thing is **affordable**.
- With the invention of the linotype machine, books had become truly **affordable**.
- The word is ...
- **affordable**
- What is the word?
- **affordable**
- If you buy **affordable** clothes, are you likely to have more clothes or fewer clothes?

Are these things affordable or not?





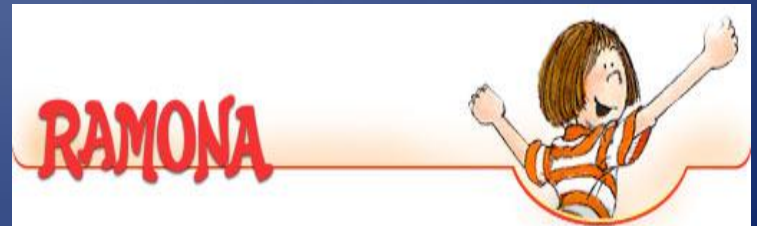
# Grammar

## Past, Present, and Future Tense Verbs

Ramona giggles when she is nervous.  
present (now)

Ramona giggled yesterday.  
past

Ramona will giggle tomorrow.  
future



# Grammar

## When is the action happening?

- Madeleine loves her little brother.
- **now**
- Laksh wanted a pony.
- **past**
- We carried all of the boxes into the attic.
- **past**
- Tomorrow Rico will bake a cake.
- **future**
- Noel runs five laps around the track every day.
- **now**
- Chloe will work in the garden next week.
- **future**

# Writing

- A **persuasion** is writing that tries to convince, or persuade, the reader to believe an idea or opinion.
- **Persuasive** writing usually states the opinion or feeling in a topic sentence at the beginning.
- It includes reasons, which are often facts, to support the opinion.
- Let's look at this student's example of a persuasive paragraph.

# Student Model: Paragraph That Persuades

## **The Best Pet**

Dogs and cats make good pets, but hamsters are the best indoor pet of all. Hamsters are easy to care for. They are not picky eaters. You can give them a meal of fruits, vegetables, oats, or grains, and they will eat it. Hamsters are also fun to watch. They like to play in wheels or plastic balls, and they will go through a maze if you put some food at the end of it. Finally, they are perfect pets for children. Hamsters have very soft fur and are gentle animals. They do not take up much space and do not need much more than food, water, and a place to sleep. As you can see, hamsters have a lot of great qualities. If you are looking for a gentle pet that is easy to care for, a hamster is just right!

- Let's find ...
  - topic sentence
  - body
  - 2 concluding sentences
  - some of the ways the writer supports his or her opinion
- What are the reasons the writer uses to support the opinion that hamsters are the best pets?

# Writing: Persuasive Paragraph

- Includes a topic sentence that states the writer's opinion.
- Provides reasons to support the writer's opinion.
- Writers use persuasion to convince readers to believe opinions about which the writer feels strongly.
- What are some topics that are important to you?