



Beverly Cleary Memory Game

Play this fun memory game at home or school. Whether in a small group or with a partner, your memory will be challenged while you talk about books with friends and family. Begin by thinking about some Beverly Cleary books you have enjoyed. Next make playing cards by using index cards or small pieces of paper. You will make two cards for each book. Write the title of the book and the names of the main characters on one card. On the other card, describe a memorable scene or write a sentence or two telling about the main idea of the story. You may also choose to draw a picture to describe the book instead of writing about it. You will need at least four pairs of cards to play the game, but it is even better to have more. When you are ready, shuffle the cards in the deck and spread them out facedown. Take turns flipping over two cards at a time. Read and look at the cards to see if they match (example: the title of the book on one card matches the description of a scene in that book on another card). If the cards match, keep them and then take another turn. If the cards do not match, be sure to look at them carefully and memorize their content and location before flipping them back over again. At the end of the game, the player with the most matched pairs of cards wins! Some sample cards are provided below for your use in creating the card deck.

<p>Henry Huggins</p> <p>Henry Mrs. Huggins Mr. Huggins Ribsy (Ribs) Scooter Beezus and Ramona</p>	<p>The Mouse and the Motorcycle</p> <p>Keith Mr. and Mrs. Gridley Ralph</p>	<p>Ramona Quimby, Age 8</p> <p>Ramona Beatrice Mr. and Mrs. Quimby Mrs. Kemp Danny</p>
<p>Henry feels that his life is not too interesting, until the day he finds a stray dog that he takes home on the city bus. From then on, Henry's days are more than exciting, thanks to Ribsy!</p>	<p>Ralph Mouse is looking for food in the hotel where he lives when a boy named Keith comes to stay. Keith is not only friendly, but he has a motorcycle that's just the size for Ralph!</p>	