

# Reading Questions: Prompt Sheet

## The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

### Reading Questions and Answers

#### Red Crayon's Letter

##### **p.1 Where is Duncan? How do you know?**

- Example answer: Duncan is at school because it says 'in class'.

##### **How do you think Duncan is feeling when he finds the letters with his name on them? Why?**

- Example answer: I think Duncan is feeling surprised when he finds the letters because he was expecting to find his crayon box there.

#### Read up to 'I even work on HOLIDAYS!'

##### **p.3 What do you think the author meant when he wrote 'I even work on HOLIDAYS!'?**

- Example answer: I think it means that Red Crayon never gets a rest in the holidays like at Christmas when he colours in pictures of Santa.

##### **Why does the author use the word 'overworked' here?**

- Example answer: The author uses the word 'overworked' because Red Crayon has to do a lot of colouring in and doesn't get a holiday.

#### Purple Crayon's Letter

##### **p.5 What effect did Drew Daywalt want to create by writing 'I'm going to COMPLETELY LOSE IT!' in capital letters?**

- Example answer: I think Drew Daywalt wanted to show that Purple Crayon is very angry.

##### **How do you think the Purple Crayon feels about Duncan's colouring in? Find the words/sentences/illustration to back this up.**

- Example answer: I think the Purple Crayon loves

that Duncan uses him so much because the letter says 'I love it that I'm your favourite crayon'. Purple Crayon doesn't like it when Duncan goes outside the lines because the letter says 'If you DON'T START COLOURING INSIDE the lines soon... I'm going to COMPLETELY LOSE IT.' The illustration shows Purple Crayon looking cross.

#### Beige Crayon's Letter

##### **p.7 Can you think of another way to say 'I'm tired of being called...'?**

- Example answer: Another way of saying 'I'm tired of being called...' is "I'm fed up of being called..."

##### **Name two things Beige Crayon gets to colour in.**

- Example answer: Beige Crayon colours in turkey dinners and wheat.

#### Grey Crayon's Letter

##### **p.9 Why do you think grey crayon says, "You're KILLING ME!"?**

- Example answer: I think Grey Crayon is saying "You're KILLING ME!" because he is so worn out from colouring in all the big animals.

##### **Can you think of another suggestion for Duncan to use the Grey Crayon?**

- Example answer: Duncan could use Grey Crayon to colour in clouds or pigeons.

#### White Crayon's Letter

##### **p.11 Find the word to show how White Crayon is feeling.**

- Example answer: White Crayon is feeling empty.

### Deeper Reading

#### **I wonder how Duncan is feeling after reading all those letters.**

- Example answer: I think Duncan will be feeling bad because all his crayons are unhappy, and he loves to colour in.

#### **What is Drew Daywalt trying to get us to think about?**

- Example answer: I think Drew Daywalt is trying to get us to think about how we could use our crayons differently.
- Example answer (deeper understanding): I think Drew Daywalt is trying to get us to think about how we use our belongings.

