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One day in class, Duncan went  
to take out his crayons and found  
a stack of letters with his name  
on them.







Hey DUNCAN,  
It's me, RED Crayon. WE NEED to talk.  
You make me work harder than  
any of your other crayons.  
All year long I wear myself out  
colouring FIRE ENGINES, APPLES,  
strawberries and EVERYTHING  
ELSE that's RED.

I even work on Holidays!  
I have to colour all the SANTAS  
at CHRISTMAS and ALL the  
HEARTS on VALENTINE'S day!

I NEED A REST!

Your overworked friend,

RED Crayon





Dear Duncan,  
All right, LISTEN.  
I love that I'm your favourite crayon  
for grapes, dragons and wizards' hats,  
but it makes me crazy that so much  
of my gorgeous colour goes outside  
the lines. IF YOU DON'T START  
COLOURING INSIDE the lines  
soon... I'm going to  
COMPLETELY LOSE IT.

Your very neat friend,

Purple crayon



