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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



