

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

1. PictoBlox Game (MICROBIT – named colour)

Colours of the rainbow (Image recognition activity) (Ice Breaking Activity)

Resources: cards with colour names and on the backside colour names in 'mirror image'.

(red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet, brown, black, white, peach, lilac, maroon, beige).

Choose the correct colours of the rainbow to fill in the rainbow with colour.

Children choose the correct card, show it to the camera on PictoBlox.

PictoBlox detects the correct colour names and fills in the rainbow with one colour after another. (Show colour names)

Comprehension exercise

(Speech recognition)

1. Write three adjectives to describe each pictures

Children choose from **fire engine, whale, princess, crocodile, dragon and orange** . (6 thumbnails and click on each one). Can choose to use adjectives from word bank.

The fire engine is,, and

(Speech recognition)

2. Find the adjectives in the sentence (15 sentences).

- a) My gorgeous colour goes outside the lines.
- b) I know that elephants are grey.
- c) Pebbles look like tiny rocks.
- d) If I didn't have a black outline, you wouldn't even know I was there.
- e) I'm only used to fill in empty spaces.
- f) Can you see a white cat in the snow?
- g) Duncan uses this colour to draw a nice beach ball.
- h) Duncan has at least one happy friend.

- i) The brilliant sun is shining down on a field of corn.
- j) I am your favourite colour this year.
- k) Duncan's sister does a fabulous job of staying inside the lines.
- l) Well, poor Duncan just wanted to colour ...
- m) Duncan showed his teacher his new picture.
- n) The teacher gave Duncan a 'good work' sticker for colouring.
- o) Duncan got a gold star for creativity.

(Text to speech)

3. What is Duncan thinking? Continue ... (*image of Duncan*)

- a) I wish I had known that the red crayon was
- b) I had no idea that the beige crayon was
- c) I am sorry that I have used the grey crayon to

(Voice recognition)

6. Write a letter to your favourite crayon.

Dear,

Please do not quit. I need you when I want to draw a

From

(Voice recognition)

7. Which crayon gives the best reason for quitting? Why?

8. Which colour has the strongest argument? Why?

9. Which colour should paint the sun? Why?

Robot activities

1. Ice breaker – “Hello I am Sammy. Today we will be reading the book ‘The Day the Crayons Quit’ by Drew Daywalt”.

Reading of the book by the reading animator.

‘I enjoyed listening to this story. Did you enjoy it too?’

Maze

Follow directions and find clues (Town scene)

Questions on PictoBlox and children move robot across maze.

(Speech recognition)

If answer is correct, Picto Blox gives directions on where to move the robot on maze. If answer is wrong ‘Try again’. Clue in wooden boxes.

2. What did the red crayon draw? *Go to the red box in the maze by following directions. Open the red box and read clue ‘Press the 3rd letter in the word strawberries on the keyboard’.*
3. What big things did the grey crayon draw? *Go to the grey box in the maze by following directions. Open the grey box and read clue ‘Press the 6th letter in the word rhinoceros on the keyboard’.*
4. Who used the pink crayon and what did she colour well? *Go to the pink box in the maze by following directions. Open the pink box and read clue ‘Press the 8th letter in the word princess on the keyboard’.*
5. How did the green crayon feel? (Answer - Happy) *Go to the green box in the maze by following directions. Open the green box and read clue ‘Press the 7th letter in the word dinosaurs on the keyboard’.*
6. Why did the boy get a gold star? (Answer – creativity) (Children find a sticker eg. Reading rocks) *Go to the gold box in the maze by following directions. Open the gold box and read clue ‘Press the 6th letter in the word rainbow on the keyboard’.*

Well Done!

Robot Treasure Hunt

Who Am I? (Clues in boxes - objects) (Children give directions on pictoblox)

1. "I love my workload. You use me to colour dinosaurs and trees and frogs. Who am I?" Answer: green (*dinosaur/frog/trees in box – press first letter of object on the keyboard*).
2. "I'm not speaking to yellow crayon. Can you tell him that I am the real colour of the sun. Who am I? Answer: orange (*orange/carrot/pumpkin in box – press first letter of object on the keyboard*).
3. "I feel so empty. You cannot even see me if I didn't have a black outline. Who am I?" Answer: white (*cloud/snowman in box – press first letter of object on the keyboard*).
4. "Last Tuesday you used me in your 'Happy Farm' colouring book. Who am I?" Answer: yellow (*lemon/sunflower/banana/duck in box – press first letter of object on the keyboard*).
5. "You use me all year long to colour fruits and even holidays. I need a rest. Who am I?" Answer: red (*fire engine/cherry/rose in box – press first letter of object on the keyboard*).
6. "Duncan, I'm glad I have been your favourite colour for such a long time, but there is not much of me left. Give me a break. Who am I?" Answer: blue (*blue shoe/trousers in box – press first letter of object on the keyboard*).

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