



Reading Really Rocks Activities

The Day the Crayons Quit Written by Drew Daywalt Pictures by Oliver Jeffers

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Vocabulary Laboratory

The word is **embarrass**

Explore the word in detail using the prompts here:

If you are able to print out the Vocab Lab sheet it is on page 2.



What is the etymology (origin) of the word embarrass?

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Grammar Point: Apostrophes. Apostrophes have 2 jobs *Remind your selves what the jobs are, activities on page 3*

1 An apostrophe can be used when we shorten words. The apostrophe replaces the missing letter(s). We call this a contraction word.

I **cannot** wait to read the book today!

I **can't** wait to read the book today!

2. An apostrophe can also be used to show that something belongs to somebody. The apostrophe is followed by the letter 's'.

The book that belongs to Lucy is on the floor.

Lucy's book is on the floor.

Text Focus

Sunmarise the whole story in 3 sentences. Remember that the summary will need to make sense to someone who has not read the book.

You must use complete sentences that contain a verb, are correctly punctuated and make sense by themselves.



- *What message or messages is the author trying to give to the readers in this book?*
- *What techniques has he use to do that?*
- *Do you think he is successful and why?*



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Words that rhyme with it

1. Read this passage and change the underlined words into their shorter form by adding the apostrophe and changing the spelling.

I am very cross. → _____
Duncan **did not** know the crayons were unhappy. → _____
I will have to wait now. → _____
Beige Crayon **could not** stand being called 'light brown'. → _____
It is a great book. → _____

2. Rewrite these sentences to show the item belongs to the person, by adding an apostrophe followed by the letter 's'.

The book that belongs to Zayan is very interesting.

The rabbit that belongs to Chelsea is so cute.

Task:

Can you read Duncan's reply and find all the words with apostrophes in them? Label those that show when a letter is **missing** with '**m**', and those that show if something **belongs** to somebody with '**b**'.

Dear Crayons,

I am sorry but I had no idea that you weren't happy and didn't like how you were being treated. I wasn't expecting to find your letters in my bag.

I can see why Red is tired from all the holiday colouring in, like on Santa's coat and the love hearts I drew on Katie's card for Valentine's Day.

Poor Yellow and Orange. You are both important for colouring in the sun's brightness, so I will make sure I use both of you from now on.

White's emptiness made me feel so sad. Black Crayon, you've only been used for outlines so I'll make sure I use you to colour in too!

Peach Crayon's letter was the worst. I didn't know that crayons could be naked, so I've made you a new outfit to cover you up. I promise I'll never rip the paper off a crayon again.

I'm sorry to you all. I will tell my friends that crayon's feelings can get hurt too.

Your true friend and careful colourer,

Duncan