

Read the short story. Then answer each question.

A Colorful History

In 1903, Crayola brought color to the world. Their first sets of crayons cost just five cents! The box had colors of red, orange, yellow, green, blue and violet. Crayons in brown and black filled out the set of eight. Since then, hundreds of shades of crayon have worn the Crayola label.

The range of colors to choose from grew when Crayola introduced their new *Young Artist* set. Color names changed too. This box had 28 shades such as *rose pink* and *burnt sienna*.



A big change came in 1990. For the first time some colors were removed from the box. Seven shades like *lemon yellow* went to the Crayola Hall of Fame. New colors took their place like *jungle green* and *teal blue*.



Not everyone liked the change. Some people wrote letters to Crayola to complain. They wanted to see the return of the old colors they loved. Of course, all the letters were written with crayons.

The range of colors grew again in 1993. Crayola brought out a new set to mark 90 years in business. This box of 96 colors including 16 new colors. The new colors were named by the public with names like *mac and cheese* and *shamrock*.

At one hundred years old, Crayola shook things up again. More colors left the box. This time the public could vote to 'Save the Shade.' *Burnt Sienna* received enough votes to stay in the set. Colors like *blizzard blue* and *magic mint* joined the Hall of Fame. New colors took their place like *wild blue yonder*.

On National Crayon Day in 2017, one more shade left the box. The *gold tinged dandelion* joined the Hall of Fame. The new color 'bluetiful' took its place.



Exercises:

1. Put the events in order.

_____ *Blizzard blue* joins the Crayola Hall of Fame.

_____ A new color called *jungle green* comes out.

_____ *Dandelion* joins the Crayola Hall of Fame.

_____ A new color called *shamrock* is made.

2. Circle the right color in the sentences below.

a. The young artist set had colors like (*magic mint/rose pink*).

b. (*Burnt Sienna/lemon yellow*) won enough votes to stick around.

- c. In 1993, the public named colors like *(blizzard blue/mac and cheese)*.
 - d. At one hundred years old Crayola added a new color called *(wild blue yonder/teal blue)*.
3. Invent new names for the first eight crayon colors. (Answers will vary)

Red

Orange

Yellow

Green

Blue

Violet

Brown

Black
