

## A New Box of Crayons

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Mandy loved to color. She would color for hours. The only problem for her was that the crayons she used were small, broken, or only dark colors. Mandy wanted some new crayons, but her mom told she had to use her allowance money to buy them. Mom had bought her new crayons at the beginning of school, but Mandy wanted the big box of 100 colors she had seen at the store. The crayons even had a sharpener at the back of the box that would keep her crayons looking like new.

They also had such great colors such as bright pink, lemon yellow, and jade green. *I could color such great pictures* Mandy thought to herself.

Mandy went to her piggy bank and counted her allowance money for the box of 100 crayons. She was \$1.50 short. "Mom, are there any chores I can do to earn some extra money?" asked Mandy. "Why do you need extra money?" asked Mom. "There is a box of 100 crayons I want to buy," said Mandy. Mom thought for a minute and said, "Well, you could pull the weeds from the flower beds out front." "If you pull the weeds, I can give you fifty cents." "I will still be a \$1.00 short," said Mandy. Mandy thought to herself, *maybe I can walk the neighbor's dogs for a few days and earn \$1.00*. Mandy went to her neighbor and asked if she could walk their dogs. "That would be great!" said Mrs. Johnson.

The next day after school, Mandy went next door and took Mrs. Johnson's poodles for a walk. The dogs, Libby and Lucy, were so cute, and Mandy was excited to earn the extra \$1.00 she needed for her crayons. When Mandy returned from walking the dogs, Mrs. Johnson paid her the \$1.00 she promised her. She had another surprise for Mandy. Mrs. Johnson said she was cleaning out some closets and found a new box of 100 crayons she had bought when she was teaching an art class at the local middle school. Mrs. Johnson never used them. She asked Mandy if she would be interested in taking the box of 100 crayons. "I would love them!" said Mandy. "Thank you so much!" "I'm glad someone can use them," said Mrs. Johnson. "I forgot I even bought them." Mandy left Mrs. Johnson's house with not only an extra \$1.00, but with a great new box of 100 crayons. Every time Mandy colored any pictures or did any artwork, she always thought how lucky she was to walk Mrs. Johnson's dogs that day.



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  - C. \$1.50
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  - C. Mop the floor
  - D. Take out the trash
  
3. What kind of dogs did Mrs. Johnson have?
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