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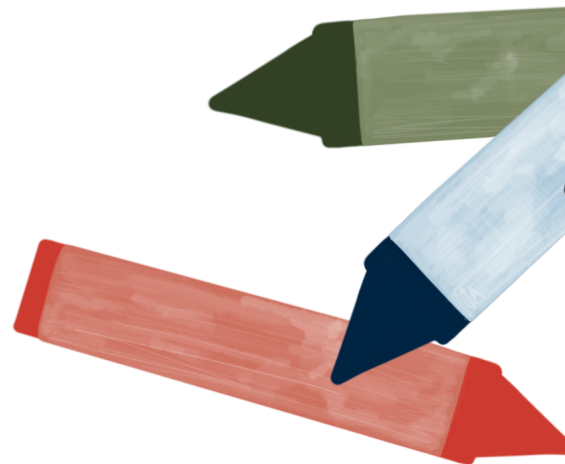
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# Materials:

- Crayons or colored pencils

# Directions:

1. Read the passage three times. Each time you read, color one of the hearts.
2. Lightly color the crayons to match the color listed. Crayons or colored pencils will work best.
3. Read each question and answer inside the corresponding crayon.
4. Underline where you found your answer in the text using the same color that you colored the crayon.
5. As text evidence detectives, be sure to follow these specific instructions to prove your answers are correct.



## Heart to Heart

Rita and Tristan met at Lincoln Elementary School when they were just 5 years old and have been best friends since. Now, 10 years old, they will face a difficult task for any friendship: distance.

Tristan wakes up on Monday, still saddened by his parents' most recent news. They will be moving to Iowa for his father's new job on the first day of summer. The worst part of Tristan's morning is he knows the first and most important person he has to tell is Rita. As he gets ready for school, he contemplates how to tell her. Does he just blurt it out? Does he make her guess? Does he ask his mom to help? His mind overflows with words and feelings, so he begins to write everything in his notebook. That's it. He will write Rita a letter that he can read to her.

As Tristan writes about all the great memories, he realizes how much he will miss Rita. He will miss her laugh, her superb math skills, and how she was the best secret keeper he's ever met. He finishes writing the letter just as mom calls to leave for school. He grabs his backpack, throws on his shoes, but forgets the most important thing of all.

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Tristan arrives to school early and waits for Rita on their bench. He opens his backpack and searches for the letter. “Where is it?” he says softly. “Hi Tristan! I missed you this weekend,” shouts Rita from a distance. His eyes look up with panic. What will he do? Does he wait till tomorrow? Rita gets closer, still shouting, “Tristan, hello, hello! What are you staring at?” He replies in a gloomy tone, “Hi Rita. How was your weekend?” Immediately, Rita knew something was wrong.

“What’s wrong? Do you have the Monday blues again?” “No, but I am having a tough time with something,” he replied. Rita calmed her voice and continued to listen. “Rita, I’m moving away. I had this letter prepared of what I would say to you, but all I can think of right now is how sad I am to be leaving.” Rita’s eyes grew watery and she hugged him tight. “Tristan, you will always be the best friend I ever had. We may be far apart, but you will stay close to my heart.”

## Questions for "Heart to Heart"

1. When and where did Tristan and Rita first meet?
2. How does Tristan feel about the move?  
Select two pieces of evidence.
3. What problems occur for Tristan throughout the story?
4. In the end, how does Tristan share the news with Rita?
5. How does Rita feel and respond to Tristan?

