

A Christmas Elf

Story-Writing Pack



Writing a Story

Today, you are going to finish a story all about a naughty Christmas elf called Elfin.

Look at the next slides to learn more about some of the important features of a story and to find out what Elfin has been up to.



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All about Elfin the Christmas Elf

When writing a story, it is important to add interesting characters. Elfin the Christmas elf is a very naughty elf. He loves to get up to all sorts of tricks each night while everyone is sleeping.



Elfin loves biscuits, especially chocolate ones. He often eats the whole packet in one night!



Elfin also loves to climb. He often climbs down from his high shelf, up the stairs and sometimes even up the Christmas tree!



Elfin has been learning to write his name. He likes to leave his name all over the house. Sometimes, he even writes it in toothpaste!

Click the '?' to read some facts about Elfin.



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Being an elf, Elfin is very good at wrapping presents. He loves to wrap things up but, sometimes, he gets carried away and wraps up the pets!



He loves the snow and to make snow angels. When there is no snow outside, he uses sugar or flour from the kitchen. This can make a lot of mess!

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The Beginning of the Story

Read the beginning of the story to find out what Elfin has been up to so far.

the family found him in the morning. The night before that, he had written his name in toothpaste on the bathroom mirror.



At ten o'clock, the house fell silent! He sneaked down into the kitchen to begin his night of mischief. In the living room, Elfin saw the beautifully lit Christmas tree and decided tonight was the night for a climbing adventure. He grabbed some sticky tape to help him stay stuck to the tree and he began to climb, knocking off baubles everywhere.

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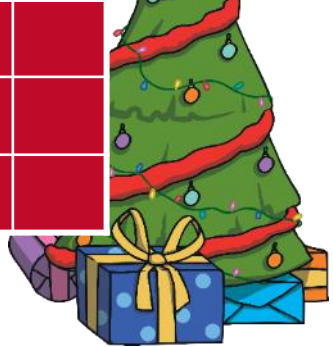
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Have you included...

a title?



a dilemma?



a beginning?



a resolution?

a build-up?

an ending?



The title and the beginning of the story have already been written for you. Take a look at what else you need to include in your story.

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Build-Up

The build-up helps to develop the plot. Can you write one or two more sentences to continue to build up the plot?

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You could use these words to help you.



Dilemma

To make an exciting story, you need to include a dilemma. A dilemma is a difficult situation or problem. Sort these sentences to show whether you think they might be a good dilemma or not.

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Elfin had a bath and went to sleep on the shelf.

Elfin ate so many chocolates from the tree that he got stuck between two branches.

Elfin fell off the tree and tumbled down, down, down.

Elfin is a Christmas elf.

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Answer



Dilemma

You might have sorted the dilemmas in this way.
Did you agree?

Not a Dilemma

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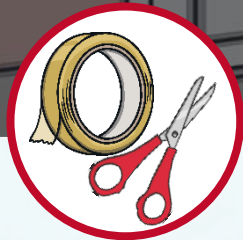
Resolution

Can you think of a resolution to solve these three different dilemmas?
Talk to a friend about how you would solve each problem for Elfin.

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Vote for the Best Ending

How might the story end?

Which ending do you like best? Take a class vote and explain why you like the ending you have selected.



Read ending 1



Read ending 2

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Vote for the Best Ending

How might the story end?

Elfin was so happy to have escaped the sticky, sticky tree. He ran into the kitchen to celebrate with some chocolate biscuits and milk.

Unfortunately, he had a little trouble pouring the milk! He decided it was best to climb back up onto his shelf before the children woke up.



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Vote for the Best Ending

How might the story end?

Elfin climbed out of the sticky tree branches and sat on a squishy present. It felt so lovely and soft that he decided to take a tiny peek inside the wrapping paper. It was a soft, red scarf. He unwrapped the present quickly and climbed inside the scarf to take a little nap.

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Ending

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Story-Writing Checklist

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