IF I WERE AN ELF

Writing and Paper Craft



22 PAGES **PRINT AND GO**

If I Were an Elf: Start Here






What's inside

- A filled-in example (page 3) by an invented elf named Jingle, and my elf project, a picture plan (page 4)
- Pick my elf name (page 5): 12 invented elf names to circle, or write your own
- If I were an elf… writing on three levels (pages 6-8): the child gives an elf name, a hair color and a favorite thing to do, and draws the elf
- The paper elf craft: the finished elf (page 9), how to make it (page 10), 8 pieces to color and cut (page 11: hat, 2 ears, face, collar, 2 arms and a body to write on), the same 8 pieces ready-colored (page 12) and the glue page (page 13)
- 6 elf name tags to color and cut (page 14) and favorite elf jobs (page 15): 6 picture cards to cut, 3 to glue
- Plan an elf trap, a second prompt on three levels (pages 16-18), check my writing (page 19), a class data page (page 20), a family letter (page 21) and credits (page 22)

How to use it

- Print. Print the pages you need. Card stock works best for the craft pieces and the name tags; plain paper is fine for writing.
- Write. Look at the example together. Each child writes on the level that fits (shapes by the name line, below). Read the sentence starters aloud first.
- Make. Color the 8 pieces (or use the ready-colored page), cut along the straight lines, glue each piece on its pale twin on the glue page, and write on the body. Every piece is the same size as its twin.
- Display. Hang each child's elf beside the writing page on a board titled If I Were an Elf. Read the writing aloud on the last day.

Three levels (shapes by the name line)

- Circle: circle a hair color and favorite things, then draw (pages 6 and 16). Square: finish the sentences from a word bank (pages 7 and 17). Triangle: write it yourself on lined paper (pages 8 and 18).
- Easier: the child tells the sentence and you write it on the line, then the child traces it. Harder: add a second sentence with because.

You need crayons, scissors and glue sticks. Every answer is yours; there is no wrong answer; the class data page (page 20) is for noting each child's level and finished work.

PREVIEW

My name Jingle

Example: filled in by an invented elf named Jingle.

Draw yourself as an elf.



If I Were an Elf...

my elf name would be Jingle

my hair would be brown

make toys wrap gifts bake cookies ring bells

my favorite thing to do would be wrap gifts

I would be a good elf because I like to help.

PREVIEW

My name _____

Circle a name. Or make up a name.



Pick my elf name

◯ Jingle	◯ Twinkle	◯ Sparkle
◯ Pepper	◯ Tinsel	◯ Nutmeg
◯ Holly	◯ Pip	◯ Cocoa
◯ Fizz	◯ Cinnamon	◯ Candy

My elf name is _____

PREVIEW

My name _____

Finish the sentences. Draw.

Draw yourself as an elf.



If I Were an Elf...

my elf name would be _____

my hair would be _____

make toys wrap gifts bake cookies ring bells

my favorite thing to do would be _____

I would be a good elf because _____

PREVIEW

My name _____

Look at my elf. Point to the hat.

My elf has:

a hat

a face

2 ears

a collar

2 arms

a body to write on

Example by an invented elf named Jingle.



If I were an elf...

My name is Jingle.

I would wrap gifts.

I like to help.

PREVIEW

My name _____

Color the pieces. Cut them out.



PREVIEW

My name _____

✂ Write my elf name. Color. Cut it out.



Hello! I am an elf.

My elf name is

_____



Hello! I am an elf.

My elf name is

_____



Hello! I am an elf.

My elf name is

_____



Hello! I am an elf.

My elf name is

_____



Hello! I am an elf.

My elf name is

_____



Hello! I am an elf.

My elf name is

_____

PREVIEW

My name _____

Circle what an elf would like.



Plan an Elf Trap



cookies



a ball



a gift



a bell



a star



toys

Draw my elf trap.

My trap has _____

PREVIEW

My name _____

Write how you would trap an elf.



Plan an Elf Trap



First

Next

Then

Last

Draw the elf in your trap.

PREVIEW

Who Wrote and Made What

One row per child. Write the elf name, the writing level (circle, square or triangle) and tick each finished piece.

Class: _____ Date: _____ Teacher: _____

Student	Elf name	Writing level	Elf craft	Name tag	Trap plan	Check

PREVIEW

Notes. There is no one right answer on any page. Writing pages: page 6 (circle), page 7 (square), page 8 (triangle). Trap plan pages: 16, 17, 18. Craft pages: 11-13. Use the Check column for page 19.

Next time we will: _____