

English

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The Ultimate guide to Elves and Sprites!

You now have chosen your imaginary figure that you are going to write an information text about.

You have drawn a design and stated its key characteristics, features etc.

Today you are to expand on those ideas. I want you to write a character description based on your elf/sprite.



Key skills to focus on:

- Imaginative, adventurous language
- Figurative language (similes, metaphors)
- Range of sentences
- Paragraphs to organise the description (appearance; key characteristics/features; habitat; behaviours; diet)
- Show, don't tell!

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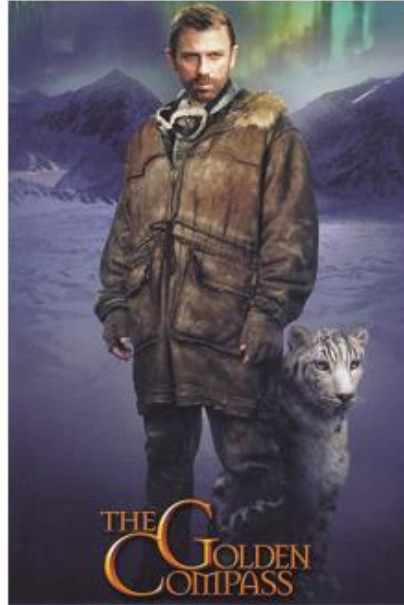
One way of making your writing more interesting is to SHOW rather than TELL.

Example: *David was in a furious temper.*

David stomped to his desk spilling coffee as he went. Pushing past a group of people, he threw himself into his chair. With one sweep of his hand, he cleared his desk and growled at the nearest secretary.


Here is an example of a character description using the skills mentioned above:

Lord Asriel was a tall man with powerful shoulders, a fierce dark face, and eyes that seemed to flash and glitter with savage laughter. It was a face to be dominated by, or to fight: never a face to patronise or pity. All his movements were large and perfectly balanced, like those of a wild animal, and when he appeared in a room like this, he seemed a wild animal in a cage too small for it.



Use the word mats below to help write your character description of your elf/sprite!

Adjectives

People	Objects	Comfortable feelings	Uncomfortable feelings	Size	Time
adorable adventurous aggressive annoying beautiful caring confident clumsy confident considerate excitable glamorous grumpy happy helpful important intimidating obnoxious odd talented thoughtless timid handsome	bright clear distinct drab elegant filthy gleaming grotesque long magnificent precious sparkling spotless strange unsightly unusual valuable	brave calm cheerful comfortable determined eager elated encouraged energetic excited exuberant fantastic fine healthy joyful pleasant relieved	angry annoyed anxious ashamed awful bewildered bored confused defeated defiant depressed disgusted disturbed dizzy embarrassed envious frightened hungry lonely scared terrified worried	big colossal enormous gigantic great huge immense large little long mammoth massive meagre mighty miniature minuscule petite puny short tall teeny tiny	ancient brief early fast late modern old quick rapid short slow swift young  visit twinkl.com

To describe settings

attractive breathtaking magnificent awe-inspiring glorious spectacular beautiful	unattractive ugly unappealing unsightly hideous disgusting horrible
grand stately impressive magnificent regal splendid majestic	scary eerie spine-chilling unnerving sinister frightening creepy
busy lively crowded hectic teeming swarming bustling	quiet peaceful tranquil still silent noiseless calm

To describe characters

nice pleasant likable charming delightful amiable good natured	horrible unpleasant nasty obnoxious insufferable disagreeable loathsome
beautiful attractive handsome gorgeous stunning exquisite winsome	ugly repulsive grotesque repugnant revolting hideous vile
brave valiant plucky bold fearless courageous audacious	big massive gigantic almighty gargantuan humongous enormous

To describe feelings

happy ecstatic euphoric thrilled elated delighted overjoyed	sad miserable dejected crestfallen depressed despondent heartbroken
angry furious livid outraged annoyed incensed fuming	afraid frightened terrified petrified terror-stricken scared witless panic-stricken
nervous anxious apprehensive worried tense uneasy jittery	confident certain optimistic in no doubt convinced positive sanguine