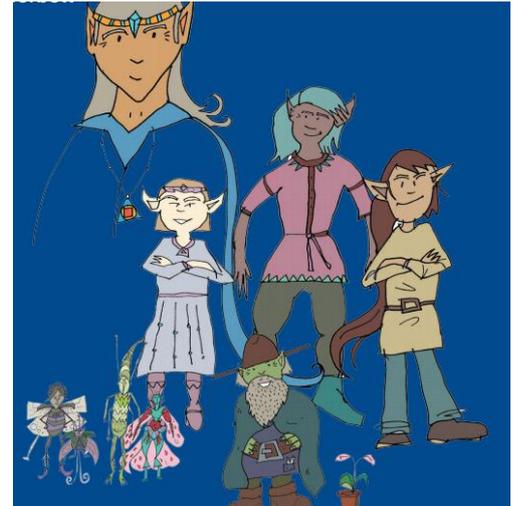


English

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The Ultimate guide to Elves and Sprites!

We've made it...today is the day that you are going to write your information text!



Use all the learning from this week, along with your plan to structure and aid your learning!

Before you begin, read through another exemplar which may help magpie or generate further ideas.



#### The Forest Sprite

Forest sprites are a type of sprite that is very rarely seen because they are such shy creatures. They are extremely good at camouflage and many people have never seen one. However, during the recent lockdown, these beautiful shy creatures have become bolder and some have been sighted in parks and gardens.

Would you be able to recognise a forest sprite if you stumbled across one? Like

most sprites they are small as a wren and move very rapidly. This makes it hard for them to be seen. They have the ability to change colour, blending into their background. This is why they have often been referred to as 'chameleon sprites'. Forest sprites are flimsy creatures, often very thin and have wings that are virtually transparent. Their tiny bodies are slender and may appear when moving rather like a thin piece of smoke or silk drifting between trees. Up close, you can see their tiny faces, pointed ears and very bright eyes.

Forest sprites live in wooded areas. They cling to trees, hide under bushes and gather in reedy areas. This makes them almost impossible to see. They change colour shifting easily from shades of green to brown when they are against the trunk of a tree. They often fly in shadows. This means that

they are impossible for most humans to identify. Some have been sighted in gardens where there is little disturbance from humans.

These delicate creatures feed on plants, fruits and vegetables. They are especially fond of strawberries and, if they eat too many, will turn an alarming red colour. They like to help gardeners by pollinating plants when the bees become over-worked. In fact, many gardeners call forest sprites their 'handy helpers'.

To relax, forest sprites play hide and seek in wooded areas. Younger ones play kiss chase, riding on the backs of dragonflies. Older sprites sit on branches watching the world pass by whilst playing simple card games and chess using carved acorns. They do not mix with other types of sprite and positively dislike stone and mountain sprites, considering them to be vulgar.

Forest sprites are gentle creatures but live in fear of hawks, herons and squirrels, as they have been known to grab sprites when hungry. For this reason, groups of sprites have been known to attack birds' nests and squirrels' drays, pulling them down.

If you are gentle in your approach and keep very still in a wooded glade, you may be lucky enough to watch these wonderful creatures dancing together as the cuckoo calls in spring or when moonlight strikes on a fairy's ring. Once in a thousand days, they can offer a wish to a chosen mortal so always ensure that you care for trees. Rumour has it that forest sprites are really the souls of trees and so must be taken care of. Imagine a world with no trees!

*Remember your toolkit and re-read your writing - make edit and improvements when working through it!*

