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30 MINUTES



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# THE MISSING ELF



## AIM

Father Christmas has lost one of his elves whilst out on his Christmas delivery. Can you crack the puzzles, follow the clues and find the missing elf?

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- The Missing Elf Activity Sheets
- Toilet Roll
- Device with YouTube
- Projector / Large TV
- Away in a Manger Music

# GET LEARNING: THE MISSING ELF

## THEME: PROBLEM SOLVING



### LEADER PREPARATION

A leader will need to print out the Missing Elf activity sheets. You'll need one copy for each team you split into. This activity also requires access to a YouTube video.



**Download The Missing Elf Activity Sheets**



## GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

### How Does it Work?

- 1 Children will need to work in small teams, taking on each puzzle and challenge. Teams of 3-5 would be ideal, with each team having a copy of the activity sheet. The answer to each clue will allow children to cross off one of the place names on the map. After all 8 clues, only one place name should be left. This must be where the missing elf can be found.
- 2 There is then a final challenge on the activity sheet, to find the missing elf's name. Complete this challenge and then you'll have both answers that you need.

### We've Found the Missing Elf!

- 1 Once your team(s) have found the missing elf, you'll need to let us know at BBHQ, so we can pass the message on to Father Christmas. Head to <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/programme-competitions> to share your answer.
- 2 We'll then add your Company to our online map of the UK, letting Father Christmas know which groups have helped him out. Father Christmas will then reward your group with a certificate to say thank you.

### The Answers

This challenge is about children having fun finding the missing elf. The answers are provided here, should leaders need to encourage and support groups along the way.

**Clue 1:** 9 reindeers. Dancer is fourth alphabetically. Grid reference = D9 (**Mistletoe Field**).

**Clue 2:** After the challenge a leader can give the group the place name **The Grinch's Yacht**.

**Clue 3:** The answer is 'Christmas Tree'. This will hint towards **Christmas Tree Woods**.

**Clue 4:** Gwen and 14 are the answers to the questions. Grid reference = G14 (**Pigs in Blankets Bay**).

**Clue 5:** One of the King's gifts is gold. This should hint towards **Golden Island**.

**Clue 6:** After the challenge a leader can provide the group with the place name **Gabriel Island**.

**Clue 7:** Santa checks his list twice and the chocolate fruit is an orange. Grid reference = O2 (**Christmas Island**).

**Clue 8:** The route out of the maze takes you past J & 10. Grid reference = J10 (**Bethlehem Mound**).

**Elf's Name:** 'Jesus' appears 5 times in Away in a Manger (3 verses). Elf name = **Starlight Tinselpants**.



### KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Please ensure children approach each challenge in this activity safely and sensibly.

# THE MISSING ELF

Father Christmas has lost an Elf whilst delivering presents, but he can't remember which elf is missing and where they were last seen. Can you crack the puzzles to solve the mystery and save Christmas?!

As a team you must solve the clues, plot the answers on the map and help Father Christmas to find that missing elf!

## CLUE 1

How many **reindeers** does Father Christmas have & if you place them in **alphabetical order**, what is the **first letter of reindeer 4**? Put this number and letter together to remove one of the potential locations for the missing elf.



## CLUE 2

Use the **toilet roll** provided by your leaders to wrap one of your teammates up into a snowman. Only once your teammate has been **transformed into a snowman** will you be told the next place on the map that the elf can't be found at.

## CLUE 3

**Unscramble this anagram** to find the name of the next location that the missing elf can't be found at.

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## CLUE 4

Watch the trailer for the Christmas film '**Arthur Christmas**' and answer the following questions. (<https://youtu.be/7tk-WZSqlGQ>)

- **What is the name of the child that Arthur is writing to?**
- **Steve revised the drop time to \_\_ .13 seconds**

Use the first letter of the name and the drop time number to find the next place that you can cross off the map.

## CLUE 5

**Three Kings** came to visit Jesus after his birth. The name of one of the **gifts** they brought will help you to remove another place from the map and get you one step closer to finding the elf.

## CLUE 6

Your team will need to hunt around your meeting space for **9 items** beginning with the letters **CHRISTMAS**. Find them, bring them to your leader and they will then give you the name of the next location the elf isn't at.



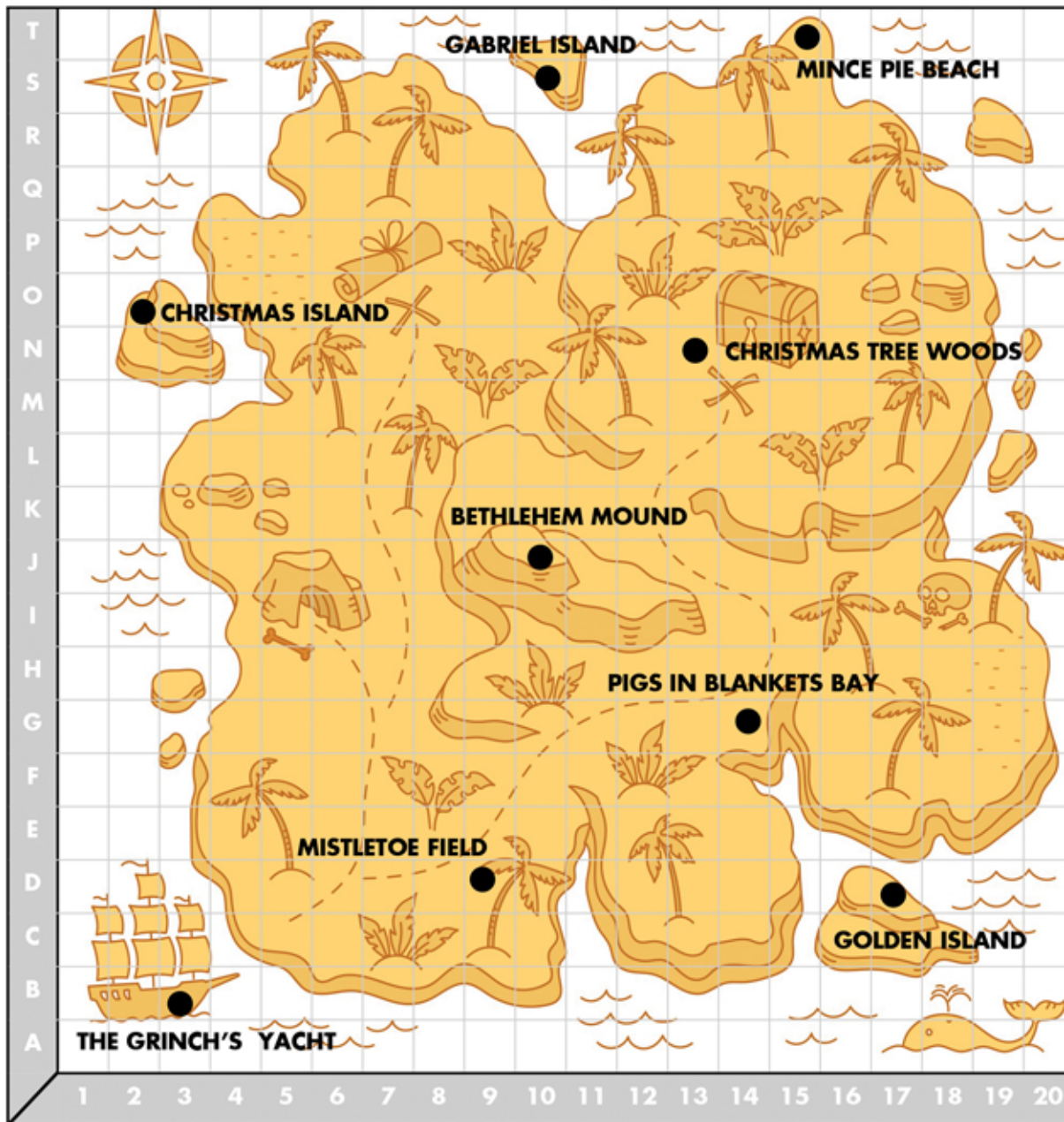
## CLUE 7

According to the song '**Santa Claus is Coming to Town**', how many times does Santa **check his list**? Which festive treat is made up of **chocolate segments and shaped into a fruit**? A Chocolate \_\_\_\_\_? Put the number and the first letter of the answer together, plot this grid reference and cross it off.

## CLUE 8

**Complete the maze** to find the letter & number for a grid reference, to cross off a final place leaving just 1 left. **This must be where the missing elf is!**





## THE MISSING ELF'S NAME

Father Christmas needs help to remember the missing elf's name. Can you help to solve this puzzle too?



In the Christmas Carol '**Away in a Manger**', how many times is the word '**Jesus**' sung?

As a group either listen to the carol or sing it together.

Match the answer to the elf name list below to find our missing elf's name.

### ELF NAMES

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1) TWINKLE GUMDROP       | 7) CRANBERRY MITTENS    |
| 2) NOEL SUGARSOCKS       | 8) CUPCAKE JELLYFINGERS |
| 3) BUSTER MCMISTLETOE    | 9) TRIXIE MERRYBOTTOM   |
| 4) SPARKLES TOFFENUT     | 10) GINGR MCSNOWBALL    |
| 5) STARLIGHT TINSELPANTS | 11) NORTH STRIPTIGHTS   |
| 6) HOLLY HUMBERDINK      |                         |

### THE MISSING ELF ANSWERS

MISSING ELF LOCATION:

MISSING ELF NAME:

# THE MISSING ELF MAZE

