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Activity 1: A Selfie with Santa

You are Ella. You are 8 years old and you have just taken a selfie with the one and only Father Christmas! Write a diary entry recounting the day that you took a selfie with Santa. Where did you meet him? What events led up to the selfie? How did you feel during the whole experience?

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Activity 2: Workshop for Sale

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Fresh on the market in the North Pole, Santa's old workshop is for sale! As a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to buy such a prime piece of property, it is important to get the marketing right. Create an estate agent's brochure selling Santa's old workshop. What unique features does it have? Why is it such a special property to own? How will you make this workshop irresistible to potential buyers?

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Activity 3: Watching Through the Window

You are a lonely, little snowman, stood in the front garden of the Hurst family's home. You are watching them through the window as they open their Christmas presents beside the Christmas tree. Write about what is happening from your perspective. How do you feel and why? What thoughts are running through your mind?

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Activity 4: Reindeer on Strike

Pay and conditions at Santa's workshop are just no good. One bag of carrots per shift is simply not good enough and you have had enough! You are a reindeer and you are about to stage a protest. Write a persuasive paragraph explaining your issue, making a clear case for fixing your problem and telling Santa what might happen if he doesn't...

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Activity 5: Welcome Home

'At long last, Jett could see the warm, friendly glow of the lights at Sharples Manor shining through the dense woodland. They were a very welcome sight after days of travel over difficult terrain. The house looked more magnificent than ever...'

Write a setting description of Sharples Manor. What features stand out about the outside? What could Jett see as he finally enters the house?

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Activity 6: Maggie's Mince Pies

At this time of year, shelves are overflowing with lots of different sweet treats. However, we all know that Maggie's Mince Pies are the best on the market. Create an advertisement for Maggie's Mince Pies which will make them irresistible to customers at the local market. How will you make the product sound tempting? How could you appeal to all of the buyer's senses?

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Activity 7: Meeting Mrs Christmas

How much do you really know about the long-suffering, dedicated wife of the famous Father Christmas? Mrs S.Christmas has been married to everyone's favourite jolly fellow for over forty years and has never once starred in a TV interview. Write an interview between yourself and Mrs Christmas. What could you discuss? What might her answers be? What secret gossip would only Mrs Christmas know?

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Activity 8: Santa Gets Stuck

As the children of the Walter family rushed downstairs on Christmas morning, they found more than they had bargained for. Instead of Christmas presents in their stockings, Wendy and William Walter found a pile of black soot on their living room carpet and saw the top of a long, red hat dangling inside the fireplace.

Write a newspaper article retelling the events of Christmas Day 1982 when Santa got stuck in the Walter family's chimney. How was he eventually freed? What did he have to say on the matter? How did the family know that he was there? Include lots of details regarding the specific events that happened and interviews with witnesses from the scene.

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Activity 9: How Elves Became Helpers

Many years ago, people created myths to explain how the world around them worked and why things are the way they are, e.g. why the earth has seasons or why you should not be selfish. Create a mythical story which explains how Elves ended up working as Father Christmas's helpers. Make sure that you include a setting, a key event which made things the way they are and a message (or moral) in the story which teaches others a lesson.

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Activity 10: Have You Seen Santa?

One thing we know about Father Christmas is that he delivers presents all over the world. One thing that many people don't know about him is that he is too frugal to pay for a new map. His map of New York is now thirty-six years out of date and, this year, that will have disastrous consequences...

Write a story about how Santa's out-of-date map causes mayhem on Christmas Eve. What happened? What could the resolution be? Remember to include the setting, lots of details and what Santa was thinking, feeling and saying during the experience.

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Activity 11: Kitty's First Christmas

You are a tiny kitten who has never experienced Christmas before. You cannot believe all of the things you have discovered in your house and all of the mischievous things you can do with them! Write from the perspective of the kitten explaining the Christmas fun you have been having. Include your thoughts, feelings and experiences and lots of description of your setting.

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Activity 12: Santa's Naughtiest Pup

We all know that Father Christmas has reindeer and elves at the North Pole but not many people know that he also has puppies... lots and lots of puppies. Santa is the world's biggest fan of dogs but, unfortunately for Santa, his new puppy is the naughtiest dog he has ever met. Write a character profile for Bruno – Santa's naughtiest pup. Include lots of description and features which make Bruno much naughtier than his puppy pals.