Sneaking into the building. Silently sliding down the wire, the elves began their secret mission. One was bad enough, but when they got together who knew what could happen.

Quickly, they separated. Hunting down resources. Piling them together. Planning and plotting.

Finally, the elves began to gather. The final one arrived dragging things behind it, laughing as it entered the room.

They climbed to the top of the pile and put their heads together. Quick whispers, laughs and jokes echoed around the room. Their plans were hatched. They grabbed what they needed, leaving the room for the fun to begin.

- 1. What might be in the pile that the elves have collected?
- 2. What words and phrases show the elves being secretive?
- 3. What words and phrases show that the elves have collected a lot?
- 4. What do you think that the elves could be plotting?
- 5. Imagine you are one of the elves. What might you say to the others? **Be a detective.**



What is the history of 'The elf on the shelf'?What is the history of elves in mythology?What other Christmas traditions are there around the world?What is special about Santa's elves?What is important to you about Christmas? Who are the special people that you like to spend it with?

