

You can learn to write "The Secret Code" too
Surprise your friends!

Read the Special Notes at the end of the story. Have fun!

Santa's Secret Elf™ and The Secret Code
by Fiesta®

Santa's Secret Elf™ and The Secret Code is the story of Christmas elves who go on a secret mission for Santa. The elves must report back to Santa. They think of a fun way to report to Santa - The Secret Code!

Santa's elves live at the North Pole with Santa. Every year the elves make toys in Santa's workshop, bake gingerbread cookies in Mrs. Claus' kitchen, make candy canes and gum drops in the candy shop, and care for Santa's sleigh and reindeer in the North Pole Garage.

But, this year Santa had a very special job for his elves. He wanted this year to be special - a Christmas that all children would receive the gift they truly wanted. In the past, there had been an occasional "ooopsie".

Santa decided to send his elves on a secret mission to find out the perfect gift children really wished for, and report this information back to him. Secrecy was the most important thing he said. They must be very clever. He told them "you will be my Secret Elves". The elves were to leave the next day.

The next morning, the elves left for the land where children lived. It was very far away so they packed extra pairs of pointed shoes. The elves laughed and talked about what they were going to see and do.

The most clever elf said he would teach them a special way of writing – a secret code sure to please Santa. The elves were so happy that they jumped up and down and danced around in a circle. Now they could report back to Santa in the secret code.

Santa received their reports and made all the right toys and gifts - no mistakes this year! he also learned that the wish all children wanted most was that all their family and friends would receive gifts too and feel the warmth of being loved at Christmas.

And that is a **happy ending**.

Special Notes

Would you like to learn Santa's Secret Elf™ code?
You only need a marker, paper, and a mirror

Use your computer to print out our secret elf checklist.
Or visit a website to make up your own code

- (1) Use a marker and write a word on a piece of paper. Turn the paper over. You will be able to see the word through the paper. Trace the letters. Does it look funny? Hold up the traced letters in a mirror. There it is!

Using a computer

- (2) Print out this elf checklist written in secret code. Hold the paper up to a mirror to read.

have fun
make mischief
clean cars
feed reindeer
make toys
bake cookies

- (3) More fun Secret Code Christmas messages

Merry Christmas
Santa
candy canes
Mrs. Claus
sleigh
jingle bells
mistletoe

- (4) With help from an adult, use your computer, visit www.mos.org/slh/Leonardo/write.php. Click on "Leonardo: Right to Left". Click on "Try It Yourself". Type in your message. Click on "Let Me See". Instantly, the secret mirror writing code will appear.

Have fun with your Fiesta® Santa's Secret Elf™
Take good care of him and put him in a safe place. Bring him out
next year to bring you joy and hope.

Happy Holidays