

## Writing Trait: Ideas

Learning Intention: noticing details that other people miss

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By Elaine Magliaro

### Before Reading

Study the subtle details included in the front cover illustration of this book. Invite children to predict what this book might be about.

Exchange stories of times when you jumped and played with leaves outside.

Ask children about fun things the little dog on the front cover might like to do. This will set the stage for the interesting point of view that is about to unfold.

### During Reading

After reading a few pages, children will start to realize this book is told from different perspectives. Encourage children to guess, "Things to do if you are a ... honeybee ... snail ... rain ... or boots! With lots of oral language exchanged, children will be well poised to write a page of their own!

### After Reading

After reading this book, invite students to recall some of the author's choices for her story telling perspectives. Ask, what other pages she might include if she had written a longer book. Any of their responses can quickly be turned into new pages for this book. Gather pages together and you'll have a lovely extension to Elaine Magliaro's Things to Do!

If there is a holiday coming up in the calendar, students can be invited to draw and write about, Things to do if you are Santa Claus ... or things to do if you are the Easter Bunny ... or Things to do if you are the Toothfairy!





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We Are Learning to...

*add details to our writing.*





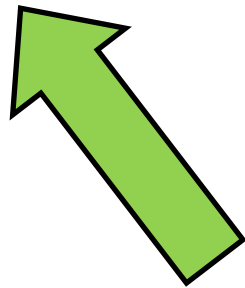
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EXAMPLE

	If you are Santa Claus you need to ...
	get the reindeer ready. Make sure you
	feed them lots of oats and hay 3 times
	a day so they will be able to fly all night
	long.



NON-EXAMPLE



WATCH OUT FOR  
LISTS WITHOUT  
DETAILS! Encourage  
children to choose one  
of these ideas and  
elaborate using details!

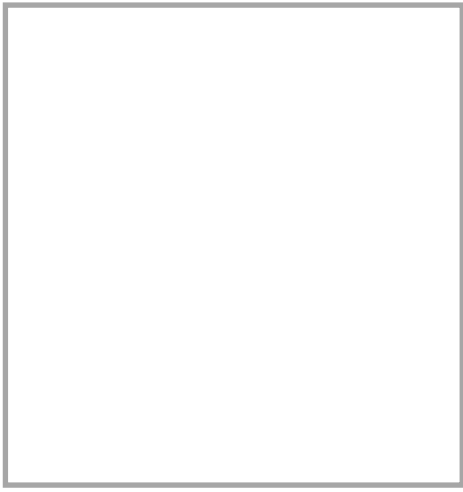
	If you are Santa Claus you need to ...
	feed the reindeer and make sure the
	Elves are working hard. You also need to
	write letters back to all the children who
	have written to you. Don't forget to eat
	lots of cookies when you visit each
	home.



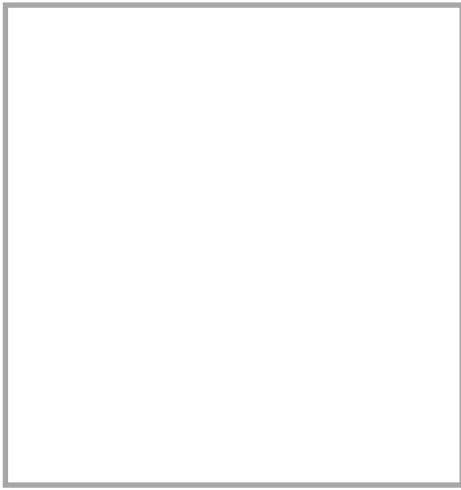
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EXAMPLE

	If you are Santa Clause you need to ...
	make your naughty and nice list by
	carefully watching the world's children
	every day. Watch to see they go to bed
	on time and share their toys with other
	children.



	If you are Santa Clause you need to ...



	if you are	you need to ...





Copy a couple of pages and have a colourful stamp for each student's writing page.