

Activity 12: read and raid

Here is an entry from the *Ultimate Guide About Forest Sprites*. Notice what the different paragraphs are about, taking ideas that you might employ in your writing. Also, magpie any useful vocabulary that you can use in your own writing. Have a read below and listen to me read the text aloud here: <https://soundcloud.com/talkforwriting/ultimate-guide/s-kK1juktwp1w>



The Forest Sprite

Forest sprites are a type of sprite that is very rarely seen because they are such shy creatures. They are extremely good at camouflage and many people have never seen one. However, during the recent lockdown, these beautiful shy creatures have become bolder and some have been sighted in parks and gardens.

Would you be able to recognise a forest sprite if you stumbled across one? Like most sprites they are small as a wren and move very rapidly. This makes it hard for them to be seen. They have the ability to change colour, blending into their background. This is why they have often been referred to as 'chameleon sprites'. Forest sprites are flimsy creatures, often very thin and have wings that are virtually transparent. Their tiny bodies are slender and may appear when moving rather like a thin piece of smoke or silk drifting between trees. Up close, you can see their tiny faces, pointed ears and very bright eyes.

Forest sprites live in wooded areas. They cling to trees, hide under bushes and gather in reedy areas. This makes them almost impossible to see. They change colour shifting easily from shades of green to brown when they are against the trunk of a tree. They often fly in shadows. This means that