

A writing activity from

Grimm & Co



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## Out and About: Pixie Palaces

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You will need:

A pen and paper, an offering of some kind (think lovely leaf or acorn), some time to get up close and personal with nature, a mobile phone or some paper and coloured pencils and a big handful of courage and imagination.

This writing challenge is about looking for clues that show evidence of the pixies that are currently away from Grimm and Co right now. Pixies are quite naughty so even when Graham Grimm tries to keep them inside they don't always listen. We don't want to disturb these pixie habitats- just use them to be creative.

Step 1:

Think about your environment. How many magical beings are living around you in the world that you cannot see? Begin to imagine what these creatures may be doing every day.

Step 2:

Ask an adult to take you out to explore the local pixie neighbourhood or, if they're very busy, check them out in your own garden. They're very well disguised so keep your eyes peeled. The majority will be in woods and parks but to get you started there will definitely be hidden homes in your garden while you wait for an opportunity to go and really explore.

Examples of possible pixie habitats:

~A hole in a tree

Pixies aren't always obvious so they could also be:

~A crack in a shed

~Some leaves at the bottom of a drain pipe could be a den

~A bird bath could be a swimming pool for them

Step 3:

Although cheeky, they're incredibly shy creatures and may move to a different home before you get there if you go stomping around like a bull in a china shop so make sure you don't disturb anything! Once you've found a home that you really like the look of either draw a picture (don't be afraid to add the extra bits that human eyes can't see) or get a grownup to help you take a picture on their phone if you don't fancy yourself much of an artist.

Step 4:

Come back inside and write a story about the pixie that lives there. Use your imagination as much as you can. Remember the pixie isn't going to see this story so you can be as wild as you like.

You could write:

~A description of the pixie/habitat

~A story about the pixie and the adventures they get up to

~A story about the pixie and their family

~All of the above!

Step 5:

After you have finished your wonderful story it would be super lovely if, for a thank you to the pixies for using their home as inspiration, you could leave a little offering outside the habitat. Pixies like acorns or a pretty stone or even a soft leaf they could use for a bed.

Step 6: (ONLY FOR THE BRAVE)

If you're feeling really brave you could whisper your story or description to the pixie home, hopefully it'll go down well or your words will get carried away with the breeze. If not, you better get ready to run! They may be small but they're certainly fierce.