



Elf Movie: Plot Summary (Source: <http://www.eslnotes.com/movies/pdf/elf.pdf>)

This film is the story of Buddy, a human being who was **raised** as an elf by the wonderful and loving elves of the North Pole (Elves are tiny mythical characters that are about half the size of humans, wear tight-fitting green clothes, and spend most of their time eating candy and building toys for Santa Claus to give away to the world's children every Christmas Eve). One day Buddy finds out that he is not actually an elf but a human being, and thus he decides to travel to New York City to meet his **biological** father.

Buddy's human dad, Walter, is a very **stressed out** businessman who runs a small publishing company **specialising** in children's books. Naturally, when Buddy arrives at Walter's office, dressed in his elf's clothing, Walter becomes even more stressed out, especially when Buddy keeps on insisting that he is the biological son that he never knew he had. At first, Walter refuses to take Buddy seriously, but after a (DNA) blood test proves that Buddy is indeed his first biological son, Walter agrees to take Buddy home with him.

Buddy drives Walter crazy, but Emily and Michael soon learn to **appreciate** Buddy's kind heart and innocence, and he soon learns to get along in New York City, even finding a job at a local department store. Unfortunately, Buddy continues to **accidentally** cause Walter one problem after another, but he also brings happiness to a lot of people, including his first real girlfriend, Jovie. Eventually, Buddy is able to teach his entire family, even including Walter, the true meaning of Christmas spirit....

Which words in the text mean:

1. related by blood
2. understand the value
3. to bring up a child
4. by chance
5. to focus on (and be good at) one thing
6. tired and worried because of too much work

Answer the questions:

1. Who is Buddy?
2. Why does he decide to travel to New York?
3. What do the elves do all day?
4. Is Buddy's father happy to see him?
5. How does Buddy prove that he is Walter's son?
6. Where does Buddy find a job?
7. What is Christmas spirit?
8. Do you think the film has a happy or sad ending?