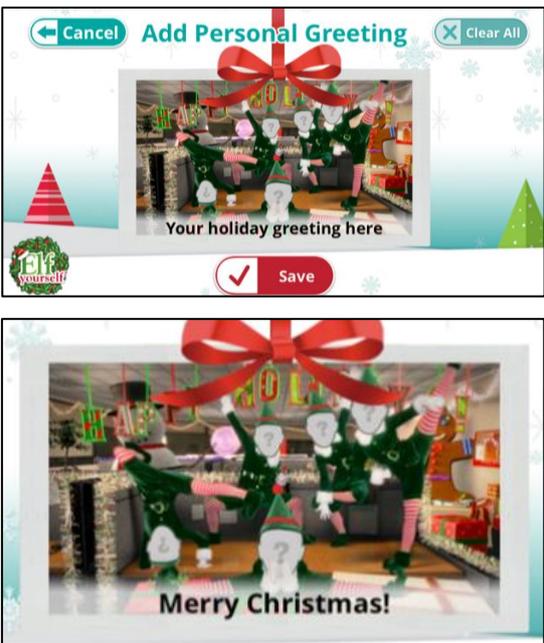


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1	<p>Elf Yourself is an American interactive viral website where visitors can upload images of themselves or their friends, see them as dancing elves, and have the option to post the created video to other sites or save it as a personalised mini film.</p>	
2	<p>Open your internet browser, and type www.elfyourself.com into the address bar. You'll have to agree to the terms and conditions, before you can start using Elf Yourself. Providing you have a camera on your laptop, you will be able to use this to take photos of yourself.</p> <p>If you are using a tablet or smartphone, you'll need to download the app from your app store. Once you are in your app store, search for Elf Yourself and download the app.</p>	
3	<p>There are 5 options you can select on the Elf Yourself homepage – Take Photo, Upload Photo, Facebook, Instagram and My Faces. We are going to take a look at 'Take Photo' in this handout. Below is more information on the other options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upload photo – this allows you to access your saved photos on your device and use them. • Facebook – this gives you the option to log in to your Facebook account and use a photo from there. • Instagram – the same as with the Facebook option but this allows you to log in to your Instagram account. • My Faces – you can save up to 20 faces for use in various Elf Yourself videos. 	

<p>4</p>	<p>Firstly, we are going to look at Take Photo. This will access the camera on the device you are using. Elf Yourself needs permission from you as the owner of your device to access so if you are asked to allow Elf Yourself to access your camera, select allow/OK.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Once you've allowed Elf Yourself to access your camera, it will then ask you to take up to 5 photos of peoples faces. You need to be close to the persons face but don't worry if you aren't as Elf Yourself allows you to edit your photo once you've taken it.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>You'll see there are options to add extra elves, add a greeting or pick the dance you want your elves to do. You can either tap on the empty silhouette's or add 'Another Elf?' to add another face should you want to.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>You can add a greeting that will come up at the end of the video. Tap on 'Add Greeting' and then tap add on 'Your holiday greeting here' and change the greeting to whatever you want it to say.</p> <p>You can see in the image on the right, that we have changed the greeting to 'Merry Christmas!'. Once you've changed the greeting, select 'Save'.</p>	

8	<p>We are now going to animate the elves you've created. Each day, Elf Yourself makes some of their animations free and you will be given options of which ones to select. We've got 2 options of Breakin' and Office Party. Breakin' will animate your elves to break dance in a New York city style video and Office Party shows your elves dancing on desks.</p>	
9	<p>You'll notice that along the bottom of the image from step 8, there are options of how you can share your video with friends and family. The first 2 symbols are to share the video on social media (Facebook & Twitter), the third is to upload your video to YouTube. The fourth symbol is to share the video via e-mail and the last symbol will download the video from the app/website and on to the memory of the device you are using.</p>	 <p>Before you take a photo of somebody and share it with friends and family, check that they are ok with you doing so. Under new privacy laws (GDPR), consent from a person is needed before taking and sharing their image.</p>
10	<p>Have a go at taking some photos and creating some dancing elves!</p>	