

The girls who fooled the world with fairies

Do you believe in fairies?

Vocabulary

1. admitted 2. proved 3. insisted 4. creatures 5. claimed 6. photographed

True Story

In 1917, cousins Elsie Wright, 16, and Frances Griffiths, 9, _____ they had _____ fairies in a wood in Yorkshire, England.

Elsie's father thought the pictures were a joke, but others were not so sure. Even Arthur Conan Doyle, the famous writer of Sherlock Holmes, believed the photographs _____ that fairies existed.

The pictures became famous, and many people wanted to believe in these tiny magical _____. However, more than 60 years later, the cousins _____ they had made most of the fairies from paper drawings. Surprisingly, Frances still _____ that one photograph showed real fairies!

Quiz

1. Who are the two cousins in the story?
2. What did the cousins claim to have photographed?
3. Who believed in the photographs?
4. What did the cousins admit after many years?

True or False

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| 1. The cousins were fairies from England. | True False |
| 2. Many people wanted to believe in huge magical creatures. | True False |
| 3. Frances believed in fairies until the end. | True False |

Conversation

- A: Hey Frances, do you remember those fairy pictures?
- B: Of course! Everyone believed us!
- A: I can't believe we made them from paper.
- B: I know! But I still think some were real!
- A: Really? You still believe in fairies?
- B: Why not? They might be watching us right now!

Discussion

1. Do you believe in ghosts?
2. What fairy tales do you know?
3. Have you seen fake photos on the internet? What did you see?
4. Have you ever believed something that wasn't actually true?