

L/O To answer simple retrieval questions

L/O To use my sounds

Read the story and answer the questions on the sheet.

The Enormous Turnip



Once upon a time, there lived a little old man and a little old woman.
One day, the little old man planted some turnip seeds.



One of the turnips grew... and grew... and grew... until it was enormous.
The little old man pulled, and pulled but still the turnip would not budge.



The little old man shouted to his wife to help.
Together they pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge!



So they shouted to a boy who was playing in the field.
Together they pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge!



So they all shouted to a girl to help.
Together they pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge!



So they all shouted to the old man's dog to help.
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So they all called the little old woman's cat to help.
Together they pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge!



So they all called the farmhouse mouse to help.



Together they pulled, and pulled, and pulled, and suddenly... out popped the enormous turnip! The little old man was very pleased.
He invited everyone round for a turnip dinner!



Pink/Red/Yellow/Blue reader questions

1. Name three characters in the story.

2. What vegetable were they trying to pull up?

3. Who tried to pull it up on their own?

4. Who did the little old man call to help him first?

5. Who did they call to help them after the little old woman?

6. Where was the boy playing?

7. What pet did the little old man have?

8. What pet did the little old woman have?

Independent Comprehension - Green, Orange, Turquoise and Purple Groups - The Enormous Turnip

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L/O To make inferences about what was said or done.

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Next, they all shouted to a girl to help them. Together they pulled, and pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge! So they all shouted to the old man's dog to help them. Together they pulled, and pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge!

Then, they all called the little old woman's cat to help. Together they pulled, and pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge! So they all called the farmhouse mouse to help.



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Questions for **Green**, **Orange**, **Turquoise** and **Purple** readers

1. Name five characters in the story.

2. Who did the little old man shout to for help first?

3. Who did they call to help them after the little old woman?

4. Who did they call to help them after the girl?

5. What pets did the little old man and woman have?

6. Who did they call to help them before the mouse?

7. What were they all helping to pull up?

8. How many characters did it take to pull it up?

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So the little old man, the little old woman and the boy shouted to a girl to help them. Together they pulled, and pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge! So the little old man, the little old woman, the boy and the girl shouted to the old man's dog to help them. Together they pulled, and pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge!

So the little old man, the little old woman, the boy, the girl and the dog called the little old woman's cat to help. Together they pulled, and pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge! So the little old man, the little old woman, the boy, the girl, the dog and the cat called the farmhouse mouse to help.



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Questions for **Gold, white, Lime and Gems** readers

1. Name all the characters in the story.

2. Who did they call for after the little old woman? Where was this character?

3. Who did they call to help them after the boy?

4. Which animals lived at the farmhouse?

5. Who did they call to help them before the cat?

6. Why do you think they wanted to pull up the turnip?

7. Why do you think the turnip wouldn't budge?

8. Describe the turnip using three adjectives.

9. How many characters did it take to pull out the turnip?
