

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



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.



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!



Questions about The Enormous Turnip

Answer the questions below in full sentences.

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?

10. Why do you think the little old man invited everyone round for turnip dinner?

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Answers

1. Name all the characters in the story.

The characters are a little old man, a little old woman, a boy, a girl, a dog, a cat and a mouse.

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

They shouted to a boy who was playing in the field.

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

After the boy, they shouted to a girl to help them.

4. Which animals lived at the farmhouse?

The little old man's dog, the little old lady's cat and the farmhouse mouse.

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

They shouted to a dog to help them before the cat.

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

Because they wanted to eat the turnip.

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

It wouldn't budge because it was enormous.

8. Describe the turnip using three adjectives.

**(Answers will vary, accept any reasonable adjectives to describe the turnip.)
It was a huge, round, delicious turnip.**

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

It took seven characters to pull up the turnip.

10. Why do you think the little old man invited everyone round for turnip dinner?

He invited them for dinner to thank them for helping him pull up the turnip.