

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



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.



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 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?

9. What did the little old man do to thank everybody at the end?

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Answers

1. Name 5 characters in the story.

Accept any 5: The little old man, little old woman, boy, girl, dog, cat and mouse.

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

The little old man shouted to his wife, the little old woman, to help first.

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

Next, they shouted to a boy who was playing in the field.

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

Then, they all shouted to the old man's dog to help them.

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

The little old man had a dog and the little old woman had a cat.

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

They called the little old woman's cat to help before the mouse.

7. What were they all helping to pull up?

They were all helping to pull up the enormous turnip.

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

It took seven characters to pull up the turnip.

9. What did the little old man do to thank everybody at the end?

He invited them for dinner to thank them.