

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.
Together they pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge!



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!



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. Where was the boy playing?
6. What pet did the little old man have?
7. What pet did the little old woman have?
8. How many of them did it take to get the turnip out of the ground?