

The Enormous Turnip

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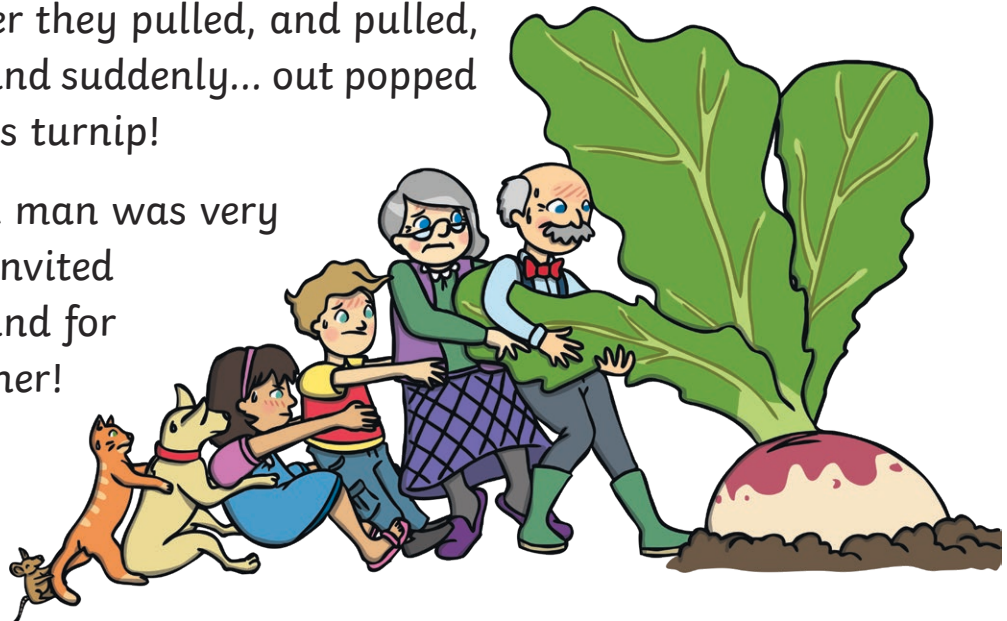
So they all shouted to a girl to help. Together they pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge!

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!



Questions

1. Who planted the turnip seeds? Tick **one**.

- ☐ the little old man
- ☐ the little old woman
- ☐ they planted themselves

2. Who helped the little old man first? Tick **one**.

- ☐ the girl
- ☐ the cat
- ☐ the little old woman

3. What was the little boy doing before he helped? Tick **one**.

- ☐ playing in a field
- ☐ helping on the farm
- ☐ colouring in his book

4. Who does the cat belong to? Tick **one**.

- ☐ the boy
- ☐ the little old man
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5. The old man invited everyone round for...? Tick **one**.

- ☐ games
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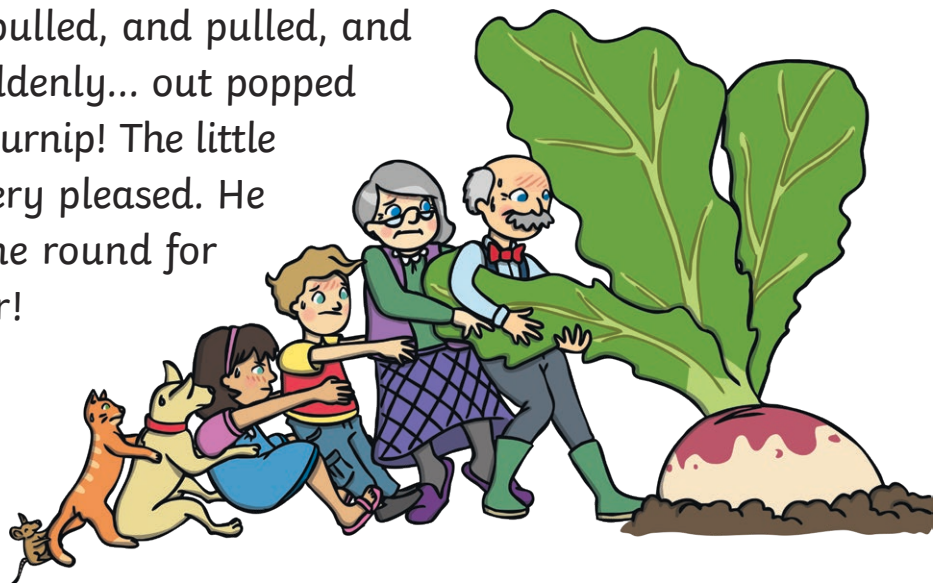


The little old man pulled, and pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge. The little old man shouted to his wife to help. Together they pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge! So they shouted to a boy who was playing in the field. Together they pulled, and pulled, and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

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2. Complete the sentence:

The little old man pulled, and pulled, and pulled, but still the _____
would not _____.

3. Which animal belongs to the old man?

- ☐ dog
- ☐ cat
- ☐ mouse

4. Circle **true** or **false** to show whether these sentences are correct.

The little girl was playing in a field	True/False
The little boy was the second person to help.	True/False
The mouse was the last animal to help.	True/False

5. What did the old man do after they pulled the turnip out?

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The little old man pulled, and pulled, and pulled, but still the **turnip** would not **budge**.

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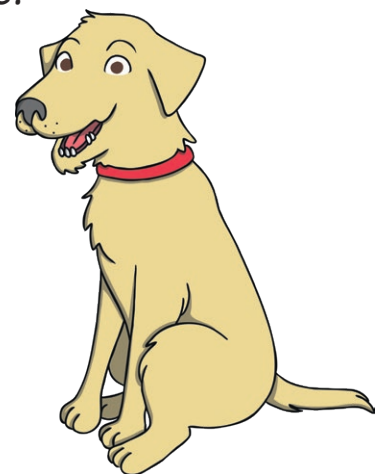
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So the little old man and the little old woman shouted to a boy who was playing in the field. Together they pulled, and pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge!

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

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

2. Who was playing in the field? Tick **one**.

- ☐ the dog
☐ the girl
☐ the boy

3. **Find** and **copy** a word that means **move**.

4. Circle **true** or **false** to show whether these sentences are correct.

The little old woman planted the turnip seeds.	True/False
The boy helped before the girl.	True/False
The mouse belongs to the little girl.	True/False

5. How did the old man feel when they got the turnip out of the ground?

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

Answers

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

He shouted to his wife, the little old woman, first.

2. Who was playing in the field? Tick **one**.

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☒ **the boy**

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He was pleased when they got the turnip out of the ground.

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

Pupil's own response, such as: I think the little old man invited everyone round for turnip dinner to say thank you for all their help getting the turnip out of the ground and because he had a lot of turnip to eat so it would be a good idea to share it.