

# The Enormous Turnip



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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!



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Answer the questions below in full sentences.

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

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**Accept any 3: The little old man, little old woman, boy, girl, dog, cat and mouse.**

2. What vegetable were they trying to pull up?

**They were all helping to pull up the enormous turnip.**

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

**The little old man tried to pull it up on his own.**

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

**The little old man shouted to his wife to help.**

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

**They shouted to a boy to help.**

6. Where was the boy playing?

**He was playing in the field.**

7. What pet did the little old man have?

**The little old man had a dog.**

8. What pet did the little old woman have?

**The little old woman had a cat.**

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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!

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**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.**

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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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**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.**