

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!



Wednesday

**Reading
Mission**
30 mins

Children to read or be supported to read 'The Enormous Turnip'.
After, they can answer these questions. These can be verbal answers or they could be written down or typed. **Suggested answers are underneath.**

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?

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.

Writing
Mission
30 mins

Your mission is to write an alternative (different) ending to a story.
This is how today's VIPERS 'The Enormous Turnip' ends-

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I think you could come up with a much more exciting ending than this! Use your imagination to write an alternative ending.

Your story paragraph will begin here:



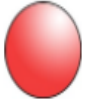



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Continue with a short paragraph to finish the story

Maths
Mission
30 mins

Your mission is to identify the properties of each 3D shape. You will need to find 1 object of each shape to investigate.

3D Shape	Number of Straight Edges	Number of Curved Edges	Number of Vertices	Does it roll?	Does it Stack?
 Cube					
 Cylinder					
 Sphere					
 Cuboid					
 Cone					
 Square-Based Pyramid					

What do your results tell you about the shapes? _____

Using a range of 2D and 3D objects from around your house, what can you build?

Topic
Mission

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