

Writing Challenge: Diary Entry from the farmer's point of view.
Read the story first. Think about his feelings.

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.

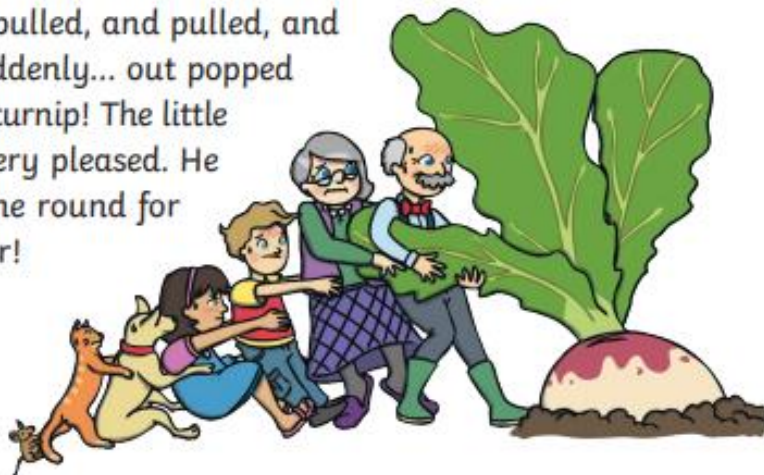


The little old man pulled, and pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge. The little old man shouted to his wife to help. Together they pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge! So they shouted to a boy who was playing in the field. Together they pulled, and pulled, and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



Planning a Diary Entry

In each box write notes to say what you will include in each paragraph of your diary entry. You could include what actions the character did, how they felt about what happened and any interesting words you may want to use.

Paragraph 1 - How does the story start? Describe sowing your seeds and then waking up to see the giant pumpkin. What did you do and feel when you saw it?



Paragraph 2 - What happened next? How heavy was the pumpkin? Describe how your husband, the villagers and animals helped you to move it.



Paragraph 3 - Describe what happened at the end of the story. How did you feel? Was the pumpkin tasty?





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