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The Turnip as Big as a Barn

Circle group

Gran Moss grew a turnip. It was big. It was as big as a barn!

"I will pull it up," said Gran. She pulled and pulled. It did not move.

Then her dog came to help. Then her cat came. Then a tiny mouse came. They all pulled.

Pop! Out came the turnip. It rolled down the hill.

That night, the town ate turnip soup. It was the best soup.

Questions

1. What did Gran Moss grow?

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2. How big was the turnip?

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3. Who came to help Gran?

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4. What did the town eat?

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5. Why did the turnip come out at last?

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Words to know

turnip: a round white root that people cook and eat

barn: a big building on a farm

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Triangle group

Gran Moss grew a turnip. It was big. It was bigger than a bush. It was bigger than a bus! It was as big as a barn.

"I will pull it up," said Gran. She pulled and pulled. The turnip did not move.

Then her dog came to help. Then her cat came. Then a tiny mouse came. They all pulled together.

Pop! Out came the turnip. It rolled down the hill, and they all ran after it.

That night, the whole town ate turnip soup. Everyone said it was the best soup ever.

Questions

1. What did Gran Moss grow?

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2. How big was the turnip?

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3. Who came to help Gran pull?

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4. What did the town eat that night?

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5. Why did the turnip come out at last?

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Words to know

turnip: a round white root that people cook and eat
barn: a big building on a farm
bush: a short plant with many branches

together: with each other, as a group

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Square group

Gran Moss grew an enormous turnip in her garden. It was larger than a bush, larger than a bus, and very nearly as large as a barn.

"I will pull it out of the ground myself," declared Gran. She tugged and tugged, but the turnip would not budge.

Soon her dog came running to help. Then her cat arrived, and then a tiny mouse scurried over. They all gripped the leaves and pulled together.

Pop! Out came the turnip, and it rolled right down the hill with everyone racing after it.

That night, the whole town gathered to eat turnip soup. Everyone agreed it was the best soup they had ever tasted.

Questions

1. What enormous thing did Gran Moss grow in her garden?

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2. How large was the turnip said to be?

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3. Which animals came to help Gran pull?

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4. What did the whole town eat that night?

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5. Why was the turnip finally able to come out of the ground?

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For the teacher: The Turnip as Big as a Barn

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: The Turnip as Big as a Barn

Easier · 70 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1.3

1. A giant turnip.
2. It was as big as a barn.
3. Her dog, her cat and a mouse.
4. Turnip soup.
5. They all pulled together.

Triangle: The Turnip as Big as a Barn

This passage · 94 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.1

1. She grew a giant turnip.
2. It was as big as a barn.
3. Her dog, her cat and a tiny mouse.
4. Turnip soup.
5. They all pulled together, so they were strong enough.

Square: The Turnip as Big as a Barn

Harder · 112 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.5

1. A turnip.
2. It was nearly as large as a barn.
3. Her dog, her cat and a tiny mouse.
4. Turnip soup.
5. Everyone pulled together, so they were strong enough.