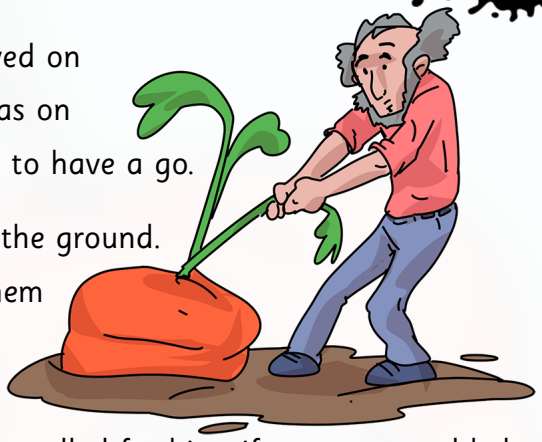
The Enormous Carrot

Narrative

Once upon a time, there was a farmer and his wife who lived on a small farm. They loved to grow vegetables, but winter was on is way. Plants didn't often grow in winter, but they wanted to have a go.



One autumn day, the farmer planted some carrot seeds in the ground. They took a long time to grow, but when he checked on them one cold winter's day, he was shocked by what he found. It was the biggest carrot he had ever seen! He tried with all his might to pull it out, but it wouldn't move. Quickly, he called for his wife to come and help.

Together, the farmer and his wife pulled and pulled and pulled, but the carrot would not move. What were they going to do?

Soon, they saw a boy with short brown hair and a yellow jumper. He was collecting eggs from the barn. "We need help because the carrot is enormous! Please can you help us pull it out?" asked the farmer. The boy said yes, and they all pulled and pulled, but the carrot was still stuck.

After a while, they saw a girl walking past on her way to school. "Come and help us! If you do, we'll cook you some scrummy carrot soup!" the farmer's wife said. The girl agreed, and the four of them held on tight to the top of the carrot and pulled and pulled and pulled, but the carrot did not move. "Let's find someone stronger!" they all said.

Then, the woman saw her husband's sheepdog. "You are strong, so you can help us," she said. Together, they all pulled and pulled and pulled, but the carrot was still stuck. What could they do?



Hoping that it would only take a little more help to get the carrot out of the ground, the four of them asked a cat and a tiny mouse to join in. Together, they pulled and pulled and pulled. At last, the carrot popped out of the ground, and the farmer, the farmer's wife, the boy, the girl, the dog, the cat and the mouse all tumbled down into a big heap on the ground.

When the farmer saw the size of the carrot, he jumped up and down with glee! "This is great news!" he said, and he invited everybody back to his house for some tasty carrot soup!