

Read the short story. Then answer each question.

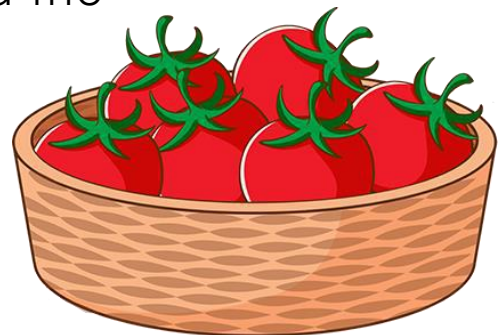
Turnip Teamwork

One bright, sunny morning, Old Ben decided to plant his garden. He hoed the rows and planted the seeds. The last things he planted were his turnips. He hoped to have a large crop come harvest time.

As the spring turned into summer, Old Ben harvested his tomatoes. He had a lot of them, so he ate a few and canned a few. He made sauce out of the rest.

Next, Old Ben harvested his beans. He had a lot of them, so he ate a few and canned a few. He saved some to plant the following year.

Old Ben kept harvesting all through the summer. When autumn came, it was time to harvest the rest of the vegetables. Old Ben harvested the last of the tomatoes. Old Ben harvested the last of the beans. Old Ben harvested his pumpkins. Old Ben harvested his potatoes.



It was now time for Old Ben to harvest his turnips. He grabbed a turnip by the leaves and pulled. Old Ben grunted with effort. The turnip wouldn't come out of the ground.

Old Ben called for his wife. Together, they grabbed the turnip by the leaves and pulled. Old Ben's wife wiped the sweat from her forehead. The turnip wouldn't come out of the ground.



Old Ben's wife called the dog.

Together, they grabbed the turnip by the leaves and pulled. The dog bit down as hard as he could. The turnip wouldn't come out of the ground.

Old Ben's dog called the cat. Together, they grabbed the turnip by the leaves and pulled. The cat dug its claws into the ground. The turnip wouldn't come out of the ground.

Old Ben's cat called the mouse. Together, they grabbed the turnip by the leaves and pulled. They pulled and pulled and pulled.

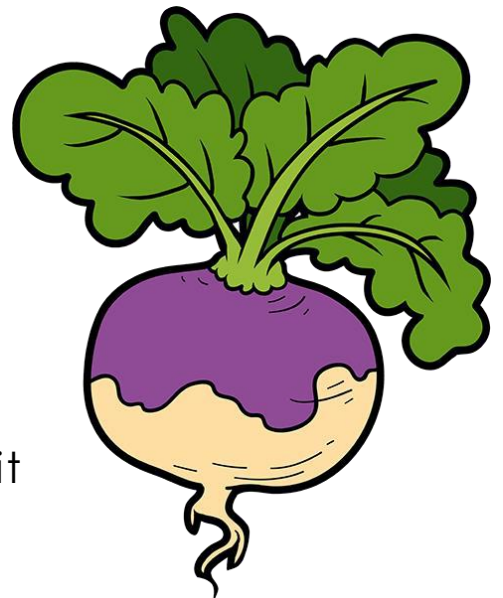
Old Ben grunted with effort. Old Ben's wife groaned. The dog growled. The cat hissed. The mouse squeaked. They were making a lot of noise, but the turnip would not come out of the ground.

Old Ben let go of the turnip and turned to the others. "Let's try one more time. I will count to three, and we will all pull as hard as we can at the same time."

Old Ben's wife nodded. The dog and cat nodded. The mouse nodded.

"One, Two, Three." Suddenly the air was filled with grunts, groans, growls, hisses and squeaks. And then they heard a loud *pop* as the turnip came out of the ground! Old Ben, his wife, the dog, the cat, and the mouse all tumbled head over heels onto the ground.

Old Ben held up the turnip with a smile. "We did it," he said. "We did it together."



Questions:

1. What did Old Ben do with his tomatoes?
 - a. Old Ben ate a few and canned a few. He made sauce from the rest.
 - b. Old Ben placed the tomatoes in his bird feeder.
 - c. Old Ben played baseball with the tomatoes.
 - d. Old Ben tossed the tomatoes in the creek.

2. Who came to help Old Ben first?
 - a. The dog came to help Old Ben first.
 - b. The cat came to help Old Ben first.
 - c. The mouse came to help Old Ben first.
 - d. Ben's wife came to help Old Ben first.

3. How did they get the turnip out of the ground?

4. Draw everyone pulling on the Turnip. Show the sounds they make!



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They all pulled together at the same time.

4. Picture of everyone pulling on the Turnip and the sounds they make.

Answers will vary.