

# The Enormous Turnip

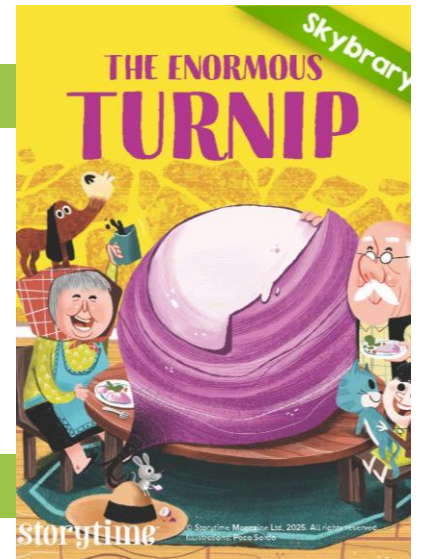
## READ ALOUD GUIDE

**Themes:** Family, Gardening, Harvest, Teamwork, Inclusion

**Book Brief:** An old man's vegetable patch produces a huge surprise.

**Author:**  
Storytime

**Illustrator:**  
Paco Sordo



## BEFORE READING

**The Cover:** Ask students to make a prediction about the story based on the cover.

**The Pictures:** Flip through some of the pictures. What do you notice?

**Prior Knowledge:** Ask, "Have you ever been to a farm or planted a fruit or vegetable?"

**Vocabulary:** Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

**Purpose for Reading:** "As we read, think about how the old man worked with the other characters in the story to solve his problem."

## DURING READING

Check for understanding and make connections:

- What are some of the things the old man did to take care of his garden?
- Why do you think it was hard to pull the turnip out of the ground?
- How would you have taken the turnip out of the ground?
- How did the old man know the plants were ready to be harvested?

## AFTER READING

**Our Purpose:** How did the old man solve his problem?

**Extending Our Thinking:** Have students plant their own mini vegetable garden. Students can journal what they did to take care of their plants.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more by reading other books about teamwork such as [The Little Red Hen](#).