

# The Enormous Turnip

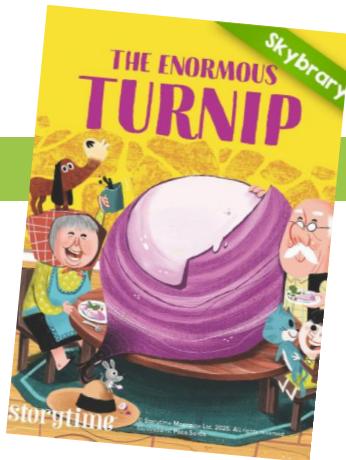
## READ ALOUD GUIDE

**Themes:** Teamwork, Cooperation, Persistence

**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 needed help to do something big or hard? Who helped you?"

**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 does the old man find in his garden?
- Who comes to help pull the turnip?
- What happens each time someone new helps?
- How do they finally get the turnip out?

## AFTER READING

**Our Purpose:** "Who came to help pull the turnip? How did working together help them solve the problem?"

**Extending Our Thinking:** Ask students, "When have you worked together with others to do something? How did working as a team help?" Encourage students to act out the story in small groups, with each student taking a role (old man, old woman, child, dog, cat, mouse, turnip). Students can practice pulling together and saying the repeated lines. After performing, discuss how it felt to work together as a team to "pull the turnip."

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