The Enormous Turnip  Role-play

Cast

Narrator  Old man  Old woman  Boy  Girl  Dog (non-speaking)

Work with the children to allocate characters and prepare a short performance. Discuss the stage directions in advance and make sure the children understand how to follow the script.

Narrator: The old man has got some turnips in his garden. One turnip is very big.

Old man: What an enormous turnip! I want this turnip for dinner.

(The old man pulls on the turnip.)

Narrator: He pulls and he pulls, but the enormous turnip is too big.

(The old man calls to the old woman.)

Old man: I want this turnip for dinner. But I cannot get it. Please help me.

(The old woman comes to help him.)

Narrator: They pull and pull, but the enormous turnip is too big. They cannot get it.

(The old woman calls to the boy.)

Old woman: The old man wants this turnip for dinner. Please help us.
(The old man, the old woman, and the boy pull on the turnip.)

**Narrator:** They pull and pull, but the enormous turnip is too big. They cannot get it.

(The boy speaks to the girl.)

**Boy:** The old man wants this turnip for dinner. Please help us.

(The old man, the old woman, the boy, and the girl pull on the turnip.)

**Narrator:** They pull and pull, but the enormous turnip is too big. They cannot get it.

(The girl speaks to the dog.)

**Girl:** The old man wants this turnip for dinner. Please help us.

(The old man, the old woman, the boy, the girl, and the dog pull on the turnip.)

**Narrator:** They pull and pull and pull. Now the enormous turnip is in front of them! They are very happy.

(The old man, the old woman, the boy, the girl, and the dog sit around the table.)

**Narrator:** And they eat the turnip for dinner.