



EYFS Talk for Writing Summer 1

The Great Big Enormous Turnip – by Alexi Tolstoy

Once upon a time, an old man planted a little turnip.
He said, 'Grow, little turnip, grow sweet and strong.'
The turnip grew sweet and strong and big. It grew ENORMOUS.
One day, the old man went to pull it up.
He pulled and tugged, but he couldn't pull it up.

He called the old woman.

The old woman pulled the old man.
The old man pulled the turnip.
They pulled and they tugged, but they couldn't pull it up.

The old woman called her granddaughter.

The granddaughter pulled the old woman.
The old woman pulled the old man.
The old man pulled the turnip.
They pulled and they tugged, but they couldn't pull it up.

The granddaughter called the dog.

The dog pulled the granddaughter.
The granddaughter pulled the old woman.
The old woman pulled the old man.
The old man pulled the turnip.
They pulled and they tugged, but they couldn't pull it up.

The dog called the cat.

The cat pulled the dog.
The dog pulled the granddaughter.
The granddaughter pulled the old woman.
The old woman pulled the old man.
The old man pulled the turnip.
They pulled and they tugged, but they couldn't pull it up.

The cat called the mouse.

The mouse pulled the cat.
The cat pulled the dog.
The dog pulled the granddaughter.
The granddaughter pulled the old woman.
The old woman pulled the old man.
The old man pulled the turnip.
They pulled and pulled again, and guess what?
The turnip POPPED out of the ground.

The old woman cut up the turnip and made it into soup.
Then everyone came to eat it.

