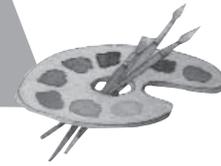


A Recipe for Storytelling



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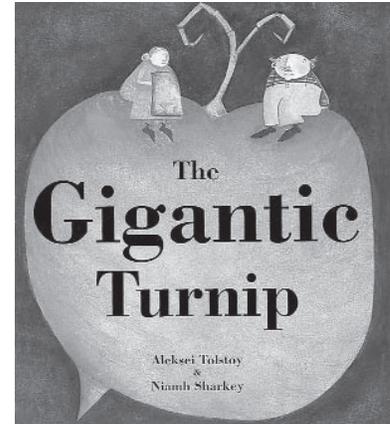
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For kids ages 4 - 7

Learn to tell *The Gigantic Turnip* in a lively and entertaining way using these storytelling tips!

Let's Begin!

- ◆ Show the children the bag of vegetables. Ask them if they know what is in the bag. Get them to guess. Take out the vegetables one by one. Finally, ask if anyone knows which one is the turnip. They usually won't know, so make sure to point it out.
- ◆ Read the story aloud. Ask the children to listen carefully. They will be acting out the parts of the story the second time around, so they need to pay attention!
- ◆ Now you should assign roles to each child. You will need 6 yellow canaries, 5 white geese, 4 black cats, 2 pot-bellied pigs, 1 big brown cow, 1 old man, 1 old woman and one mouse. And of course you'll need to ask another adult or teacher to play the gigantic turnip!
- ◆ Next, get the rope and line up the children in order of the story. They will pull on one end of the rope and the gigantic turnip will pull on the other.
- ◆ Read the story for the second time. As each child's character is called, he or she will make his or her way up to the rope and help pull. Eventually, all the children will pull at the rope and finally succeed at uprooting the gigantic turnip.



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Materials

- 1 group of children
- 1 enthusiastic adult
- 1 rope (six feet or longer)
- 1 bag of vegetables
(preferably the ones in the book)

- ◆ Sit down with all the children and discuss the story. Ask them who it was that pulled up the turnip? Was it the old man? The big brown cow? Was it the mouse? No! You can explain that it was everyone working as a team that succeeded in pulling up the gigantic turnip!



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