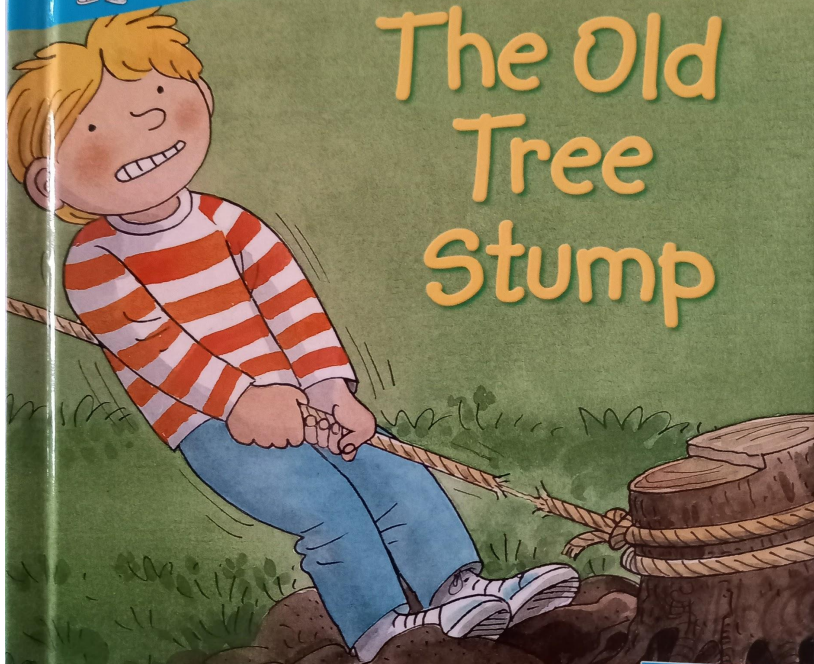


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Read at Home

The Old Tree Stump



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Tips for Reading Together

Children learn best when reading is fun.

- Talk about the title and the pictures on the cover.
- Discuss what you think the story might be about.
- Read the story together, inviting your child to read with you.
- Give lots of praise as your child reads with you, and help them when necessary.
- Try different ways of helping if they get stuck on a word. For example: read the first sound or syllable of the word, read the whole sentence, or refer to the picture. Focus on the meaning.
- Have fun finding the hidden minibeasts.
- Re-read the story later, encouraging your child to read as much of it as they can.

Children enjoy re-reading stories and this helps to build their confidence.

Have fun!

Find these 10 different minibeasts hidden in the pictures.



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“That old stump has to go,”
said Dad.



Dad pulled the old stump,
but it didn't come up.



Dad called Mum to help.
"I'll push it. You pull it,"
said Dad.



“When I say pull,” said Dad,
“I want you to pull!”



Mum pulled and pulled, but
the stump didn't come up.



Dad called Biff.
"I want you to pull," said Dad.



Mum and Biff pulled...
but the stump still didn't come up.



Dad wanted Chip to help.
“When I shout pull,” said Dad,
“I want you to pull.”



They all pulled...
but the stump still didn't come up.



Kipper wanted to help.
“Come on, then,” said Dad.
“When I shout pull... **PULL!**”



They pulled and they pulled...
but the stump still didn't come up.



"I'll pull as well," said Dad.
 "When I yell pull... **PULL!**"



They all pulled and pulled...
 but the stump still didn't come up.



Floppy saw a bone.
He dug and he dug, and...

up came the stump!



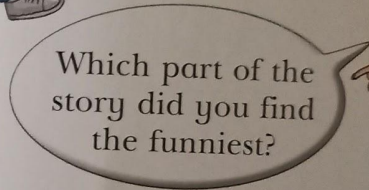
BUMP!

"Good old Floppy!" said Chip.

Think about the story



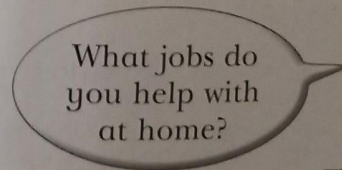
How did the stump come up in the end?



Which part of the story did you find the funniest?



Have you ever read the Enormous Turnip? How is it like this story?



What jobs do you help with at home?