

The Garden Surprise

Read the story. Then answer the questions on the next page.

- 1 Mia and her grandpa went out to the garden. Mia **peered** under the big green leaves. She looked closely, and then she saw it. A pumpkin was hiding there!
- 2 The pumpkin was **enormous**. It was so big that Mia could not get her arms around it. “We need the wagon,” said Grandpa.
- 3 They pushed and pulled. At last the pumpkin rolled into the wagon. Then they began to **haul** it up the hill. Mia pulled the handle and Grandpa pushed from the back. By the time they got to the porch, Mia was **exhausted**. She was so tired that she sat right down on the steps.
- 4 Grandma came out and clapped her hands. “What a pumpkin!” she said. Mia was **delighted**. She smiled all the way to bedtime. “Tomorrow we will make pie,” said Grandma.



The Garden Surprise: Questions

The words near a new word are clues. Underline each clue in the color shown.

1. In paragraph 1, what does peered mean?



- ☐ jumped
- ☐ looked closely
- ☐ shouted

2. In paragraph 2, what does enormous mean?



- ☐ very big
- ☐ very old
- ☐ very soft

3. In paragraph 3, what does haul mean?



- ☐ to paint something
- ☐ to hide something
- ☐ to pull or carry something heavy

4. What does exhausted mean? Write the words from the story that helped you.



5. In paragraph 4, what does delighted mean?



- ☐ sleepy
- ☐ worried
- ☐ very happy

6. Write your own sentence with the word enormous.

The Garden Surprise: Answer Key

Answers are in green. The proof is where to find each answer in the text.

1. In paragraph 1, what does peered mean?

red

- ☐ jumped
- ☒ **looked closely**
- ☐ shouted

Proof Paragraph 1: “She looked closely, and then she saw it.”

2. In paragraph 2, what does enormous mean?

orange

- ☒ **very big**
- ☐ very old
- ☐ very soft

Proof Paragraph 2: “It was so big that Mia could not get her arms around it.”

3. In paragraph 3, what does haul mean?

yellow

- ☐ to paint something
- ☐ to hide something
- ☒ **to pull or carry something heavy**

Proof Paragraph 3: “Mia pulled the handle and Grandpa pushed from the back.”

4. What does exhausted mean? Write the words from the story that helped you.

green

Exhausted means very tired. Clue: “She was so tired that she sat right down on the steps.”

5. In paragraph 4, what does delighted mean?

blue

- ☐ sleepy
- ☐ worried
- ☒ **very happy**

Proof Paragraph 4: “She smiled all the way to bedtime.”

6. Write your own sentence with the word enormous.

Answers will vary. Example: An enormous truck drove past our school.