

Pak Johan owned an organic vegetable farm. He was able to grow good **organic** greens because of his scarecrow. Pak Johan built the scarecrow himself and made it as scary as possible. He gave it **enormous** straw arms that **stretched** out about two metres and big long legs.

The scariest thing about the scarecrow was its head which was made of a huge earthen pot. The scarecrow's face was so scary and ugly that even he was scared to look at it. It was very **effective**, scaring away every bird that tried to eat his vegetables. The neighbouring farm owners, Man and Lan were jealous of Pak Johan's success. One night, they stole his scarecrow and locked it in their house. The next day, Pak Johan realised his scarecrow was missing and his greens were eaten up. He was **devastated**.

That night the brothers had trouble sleeping. They could not get the image of the scarecrow's horrible face out of their minds. Man took out the scarecrow, smashed its head with a hoe, and buried it in their lawn.

At midnight, they heard scratching and clawing sounds at their door. Suddenly, the door burst open and a long straw arm snaked in. The men froze in fear. They looked in horror as the headless scarecrow's body rose up. It caught Lan's neck. Lan shouted for help but Man had already made his way onto the moonlit road.

Man kept running. He **glanced** back over his shoulder and saw the scarecrow chasing after him. It was getting closer and closer to him. He noticed that the scarecrow had a new head and it looked like.....



Skills : 2.2.2(a), 2.3.1(b), 2.2.4, 2.2.3(c)



Exercise 1 : The underlined words in the passage are irregular verbs. Write down the root words of the irregular verbs.

built	build	burst	
made		frooze	
gave		rose	
stole		caught	
could		kept	
took		saw	
heard			

Exercise 2 : Answer the following questions.

1. Give a title to the story.

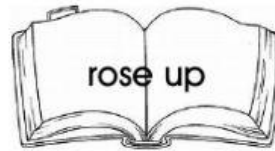
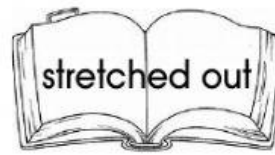
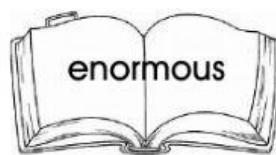
2. How do you think the story ended?

3. Describe the new head of the scarecrow.



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Exercise 3 : Match the words or phrases in bold in the passage to the meanings given below



1. extremely large

2. to look quickly at somebody or something

3. to put out a long arm

4. something produced without using artificial chemicals

5. to feel very shocked and sad

6. producing a successful result

7. to remove it from its place

8. an upward movement



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