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Reading

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...



Match the words or phrases in bold in the passage to the meanings.

organic

extremely large

enormous

to look quickly at somebody or something

stretch out

to put out a long arm

effective

something produced without using artificial chemicals

devastated

to feel very shocked and sad

took out

producing a successful result

rose up

to remove it from its place

glanced

an upward movement