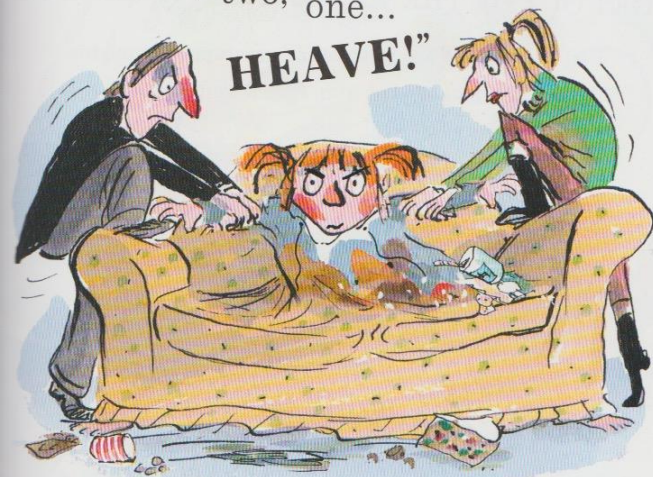Let's see what happens in the story of Sofia Sofa.

Dad put a foot up on one arm of the sofa to create leverage and directed his wife to do the same.
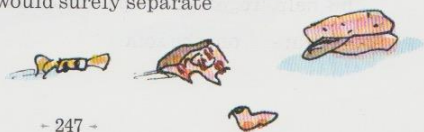
"Three, two, one...

HEAVE!"

But the girl simply would not budge.

So Sofia's parents called upon the neighbours in their street of terraced houses to help. The plan was to create a *human chain*. The combined strength of a hundred people would surely separate Sofia from the sofa.

Some folk huddled inside the living room while many others lined up behind them outside.

"GET OUT OF THE WAY OF THE TV!" shouted Sofia.

Dad was at the front, with his arms wrapped round his daughter. Mum held on to him. Indira from next door held on to her and so on.
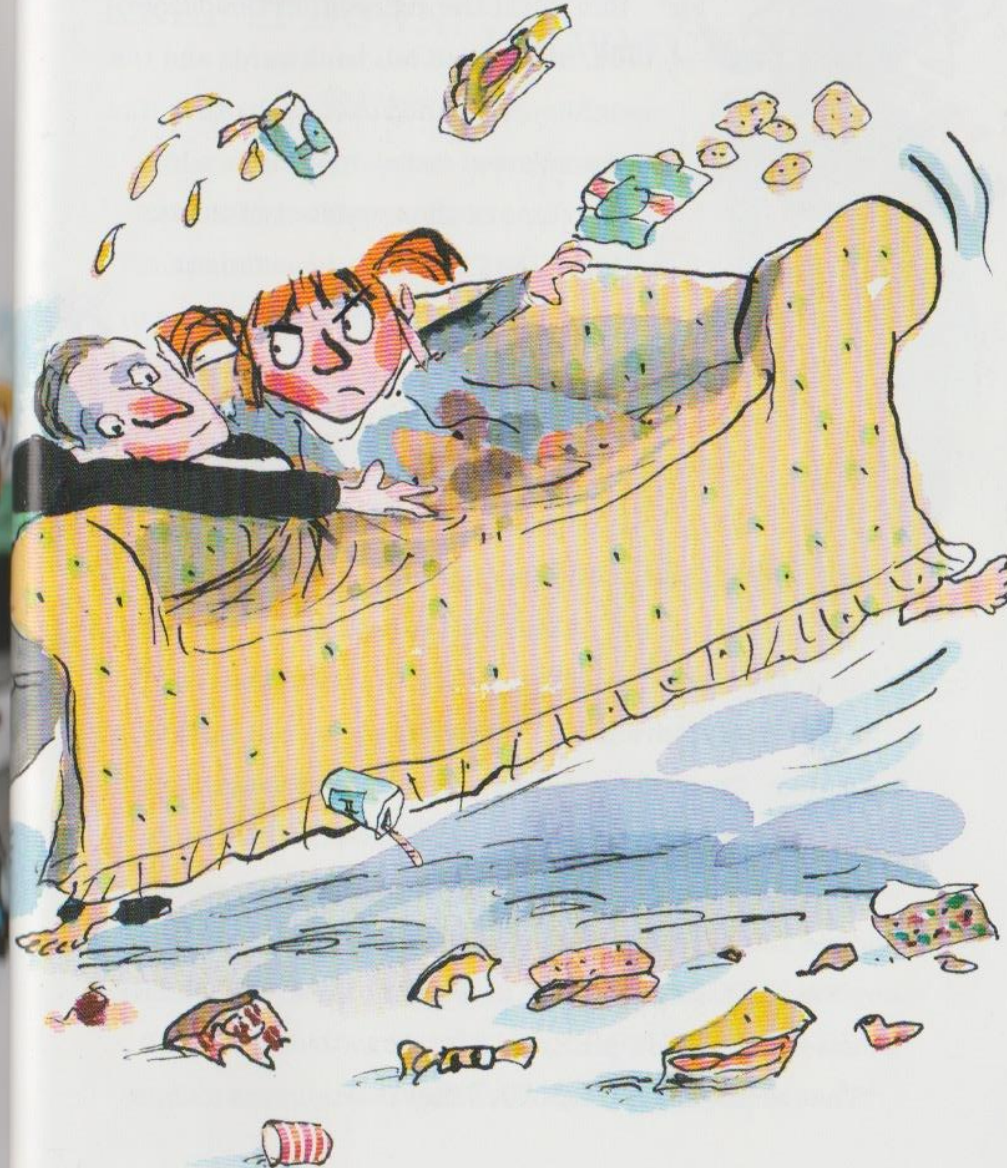
Arms linked as the human chain stretched all the way down the street.

"Three, two, one...

HEAVE!"

called out Dad.

But **still** the girl wouldn't budge an **inch**. Sofia's dad fell backwards and the neighbours toppled over each other like dominoes and ended up lying in a big heap, some of them in front of Sofia.

"YOU'RE STILL BLOCKIN' THE **TV!**" she moaned.

There was nothing else for it. Dad decided to call the **EMERGENCY SERVICES**.

"What service do you require?" said the operator. "POLICE, FIRE or AMBULANCE?"

"I am not sure," began Dad as Mum looked on anxiously. "You see, my daughter has become **attached** to a **sofa**."

"As in she likes it a lot?" enquired the operator.

"No, as in they are joined together," answered Sofia's dad.

"Oh dear. That is an unusual one," replied the operator. "We had a man the other day whose BOTTOM had become JAMMED in a bucket, and a lady whose HEAD had become LODGED in a melon, but we have never had anyone WEDGED in a SOFA. I COULD SEND THE FIRE BRIGADE TO CUT HER OUT."

"That seems a bit **drastic**," said Dad.

"KEEP IT DOWN! I IS WATCHIN' TV!"

shouted Sofia.

"What was that?" asked the operator.

"Nothing," whispered Dad. "Just my lovely daughter, the one who is half girl, half sofa."

"Oh." The operator thought for a moment. "I could send the police to arrest somebody?"

"Who?" asked Dad.

"The sofa?"

Sofia's dad pondered this. "No... The sofa hasn't done anything wrong and we rather like it."

Mum nodded her head in agreement.

"How about an ambulance? They can take your daughter to the hospital and perhaps a surgeon can perform an operation to separate her from the sofa?"

"Yes, yes, that's a **super** idea," replied Dad. "Please send an ambulance **right away!** Thank you."

NEE-**NAW** **NEE-NAW** NEE-NAW!

The ambulance arrived in minutes.

But there was a problem.

Being half *girl*, half *sofa*, **Sofia Sofa** was too large to fit through the front door.

So the ambulance driver called for a crane with a giant wrecking ball to help.

Less than an hour later the giant crane swung its heavy metal ball at the front of Sofia's terraced house.

BASH!

The wall was smashed to pieces. As a cloud of dust enveloped everyone in the street, still Sofia sat watching her beloved television.

"GET THAT DUST OUT OF ME WAY NOW!

I CAN'T SEE THE TV!" she shouted.

When the dust cleared, the ambulance driver found there was another problem. The half *girl*, half *sofa* was too heavy to lift. So the ball was taken off the crane's chain, and the chain was secured round the bottom of the sofa.

Reading Vipers

Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Summarise

V   What does 'drastic' mean?

I   What do you think the people in the street thought of Sofia? Why?

P   What do you think is going to happen in the next book?

E   Explain what the operator thought dad meant when he said his daughter had become 'attached to the sofa'.

R   What strange things had happened to other people who had called the operator?

S   Summarise the chapter so far in 3 sentences.

VOCABULARY LABORATORY

Explain meaning / Definition:

Use in a sentence (add picture too):

Modifications:
Modify to past tense, present, plural
singular, add prefix or suffix etc.
How many forms can you think of?

decide

Word Class:

Word Class: **Synonyms**   **Antonyms**

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'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...'

The word I want you to investigate is

decide