Have you ever thought about doing a fun day all in English? As part of my first year practicum course at the Yachdav School in Raanana, I had the privilege of participating in an English day celebrating the 90th birthday of Raanana. The English day included eight different stations that were well-planned and organized by the English staff at the school, together with us, the first and second year students from Beit Berl College. Different parts in the school were divided into different stations that represented major locations in Raanana. Games played at the different stations were a Bingo game, board games, trivia, matching games, hot-potatoes, bookmarks and storytelling. The first year students were responsible for the story-telling activities, and, since Yachdav is a school of art, we tried to teach the stories we chose using different kinds of art, such as dance, puppets, acting, singing and drawing. All in all, we worked with eight different groups, each including ten to fifteen pupils from the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Even though it was not a formal class, performing on this special day and being able to manage the story-telling station, gave us a small taste of how to teach and manage a class as well as how to prepare a good lesson plan. I could see that the pupils had a lot of fun and were also able to acquire new knowledge about the English language and about their city, Raanana. As future teachers, I believe that we should keep in mind that, once in a while, English should be given a special day by itself, and should be taught in a fun and memorable way.
Pull the carrot, Pull the carrot from the ground. Pull the carrot, Pull the carrot, one, two, three.