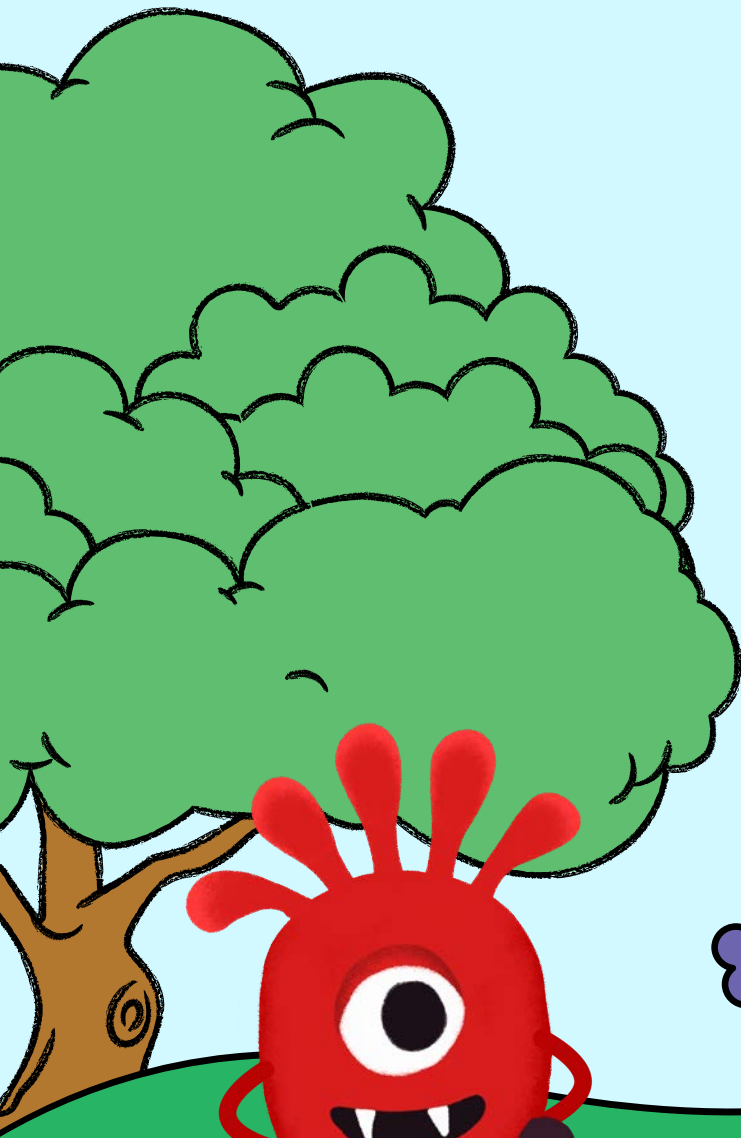


New Online Friends

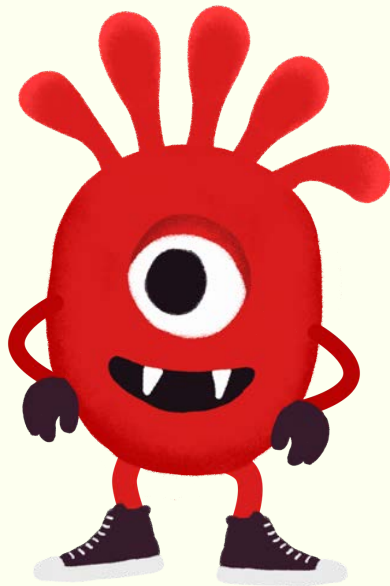


Meet our friends in Beastie Valley



Don't ever TALK or Play with someone you don't know online.

Always get permission or help FIRST from a trusted grown-up to make sure it is safe.



Ahh... another beautiful day in Beastie Valley.

This is RedBeastie. RedBeastie loves doing so many things: drawing, listening to music, and playing games with friends like Tic-Tac-Toe or Squirrelball.

But there's ONE activity RedBeastie has been waiting to be able to do for a while now. RedBeastie is finally just old enough to be on the RootWeb!

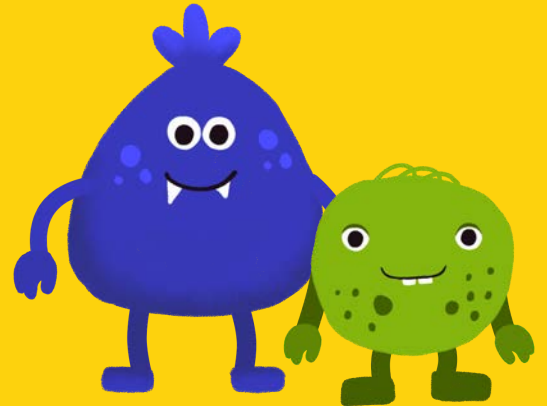
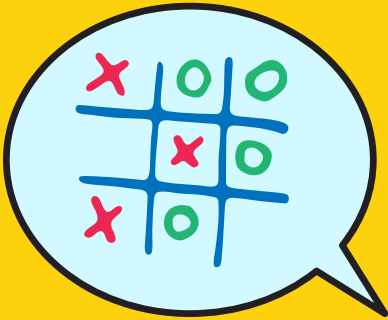


The RootWeb links together every single tree stump - and is a great way for Beasties to chat and play with friends and family anywhere in Beastie Valley - and beyond!

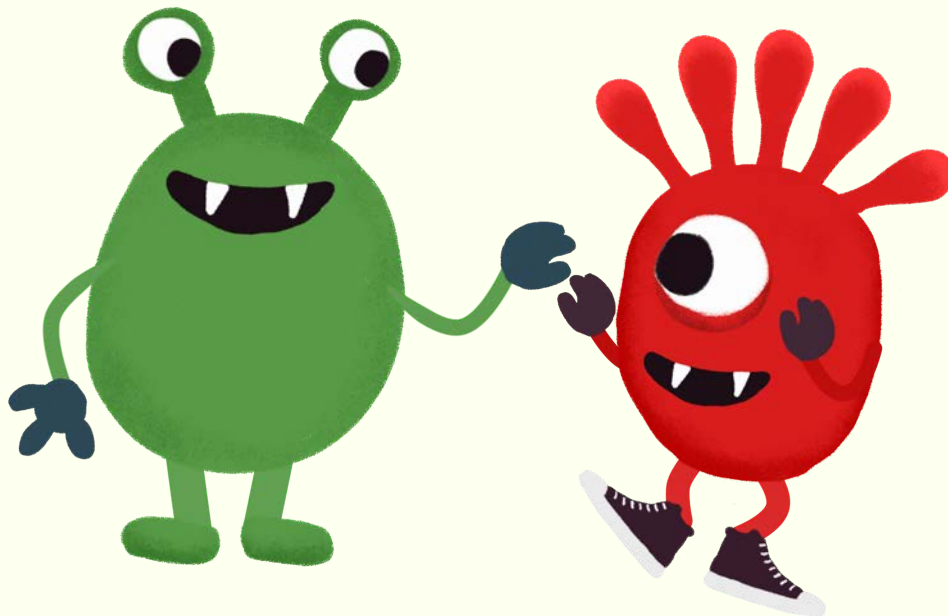
All from the comfort of your favourite chair in your home tree stump.



RedBeastie can't wait to connect with their friends, share pictures with one another, chat about Squirrelball on the GabNut, and play tic-tac-toe... you know, typical stuff you do with friends.

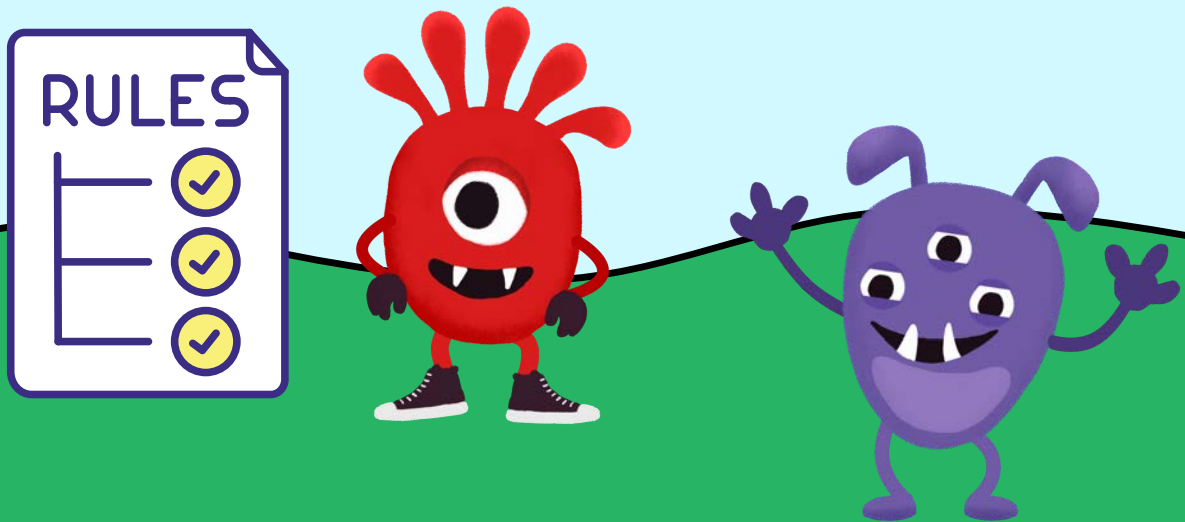


RedBeastie's grown-ups have already gone over all the rules about using the RootWeb - like, you can only go online if your schoolwork is done and you've had plenty of outside time, only play games that you've been told you're allowed to play, and don't ever talk to or play with Beasties you don't know.

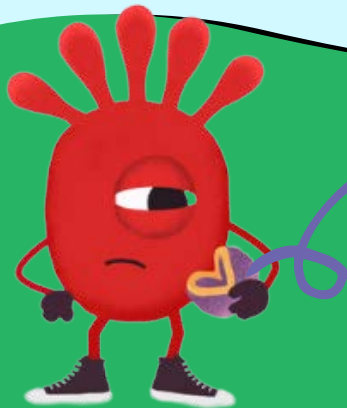


Well, all the rules make good sense to RedBeastie, so it's no problem following them.

And RedBeastie has a great time playing, sharing, and talking with friends on the web.



One rainy afternoon, RedBeastie gets a GabNut message from another beastie they've never met.

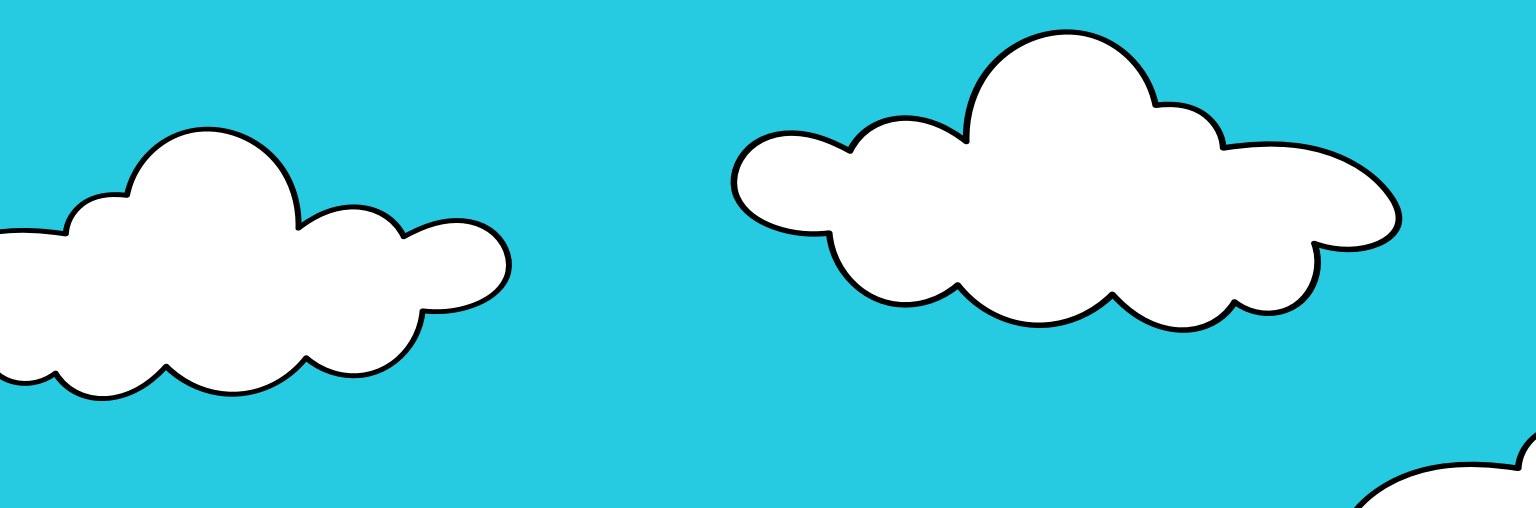


RedBeastie responds with a “Who you?” and the other beastie tells them that their name is SageBeastie and they’re from the far end of the valley and heard that RedBeastie is a great squirrelball player and they just wanted to reach out to see if they could talk about squirrelball stuff.

Who you?

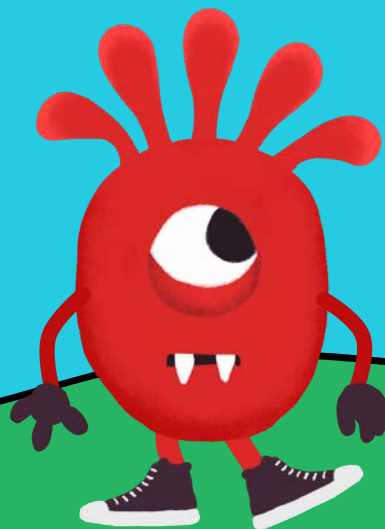
SageBeastie





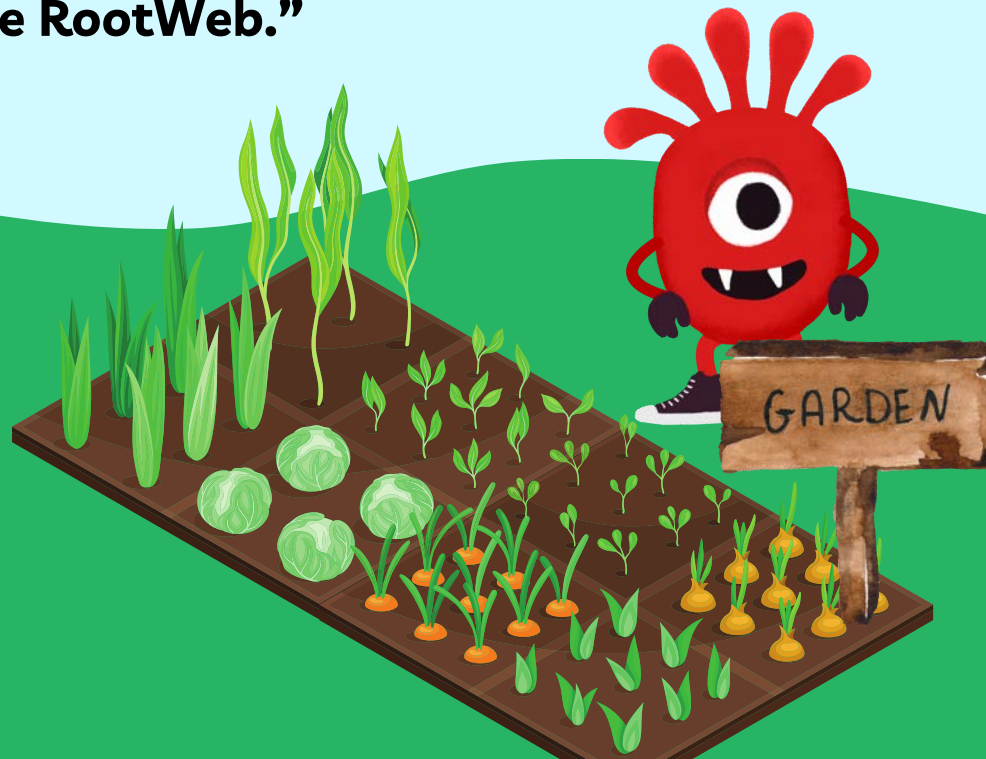
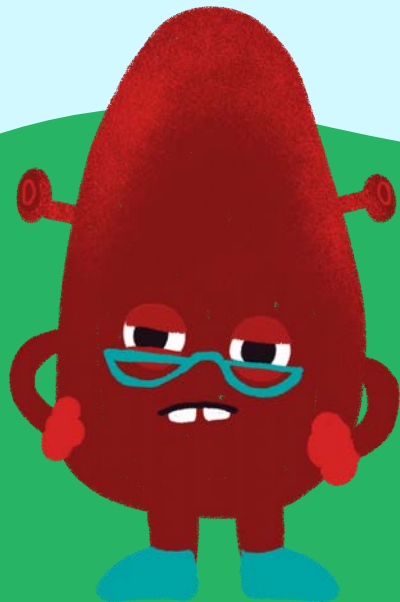
RedBeastie has never heard the name SageBeastie before and is worried about talking with a stranger over the web.

Their best pal, GreenBeastie, suggests that maybe RedBeastie should check with the grown-ups first before accepting any invite from a stranger.



RedBeastie finds one of their grown-ups outside in the garden, and explains their problem. RedBeastie's grown-up says that coming to them was totally the right thing to do.

They think about the name SageBeastie and then asks "oh, do they live on the far side of the valley?" RedBeastie says "Yes... yes they do!", and their grown-up remembers that SageBeastie is the child of their oldest pals, JadeBeastie and TealBeastie. "Good kid, I like that kid. It's okay to talk and play with SageBeastie on the RootWeb."



After helping in the garden for a while, RedBeastie heads back inside and starts a GabNut chat with SageBeastie.

RedBeastie says sorry for taking so long to get back to them, and explains that they wanted to be extra safe before answering, because they've never heard of SageBeastie before.



SageBeastie responds that they completely understand and they would do the same thing, lol. Then the two beasties get on with important things, like squirrelball and tic-tac-toe tournaments.



Discussion Questions

1. What were the rules RedBeastie had to be able to play on the RootWeb?

Review the rules which include:

- ✔ You can go online only if your schoolwork or your chores are done
- ✔ You have had plenty of outside time
- ✔ You can only play the games you were told you are allowed to play
- ✔ Don't ever play or talk to someone you don't know
- ✔ Always ask permission from a trusted grown-up when asked to talk or play with someone you don't know

2. What was RedBeastie's problem?

Response: They got a message from someone they did not know.



Discussion Questions



3. Did something like that happen to you?

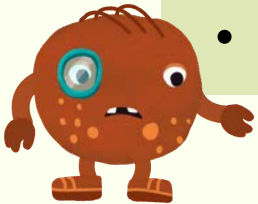
Response:

If **yes**,

- Remain calm and review what happened.
- Remind them that they can come to you if someone they don't know asks to talk or play.
- Also review who else they can go to as a trusted grown-up.

If **no**,

- Ask what they would do if someone they didn't know sent them a message?
- Who would they go to as their trusted grown-up?
- Make a list of their trusted grown-ups.



Discussion Questions



4. What did RedBeastie do to solve their problem?

Red Beastie went to their friend GreenBeastie who reminded RedBeastie that they should always get permission from their trusted grown-up before accepting an invite from a stranger.

Red Beastie went to their trusted grown-up and asked if it was safe to add SageBeastie and their grown-up said it was safe to add them.



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