



# Apples

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In a fruit bowl, three red apples were playing when, from the other side of the bowl, came a green apple.

“Hi everybody”, said Crunch the green apple.



The red apples looked puzzled. They huddled together and left Crunch all alone on the other side of the fruit bowl.

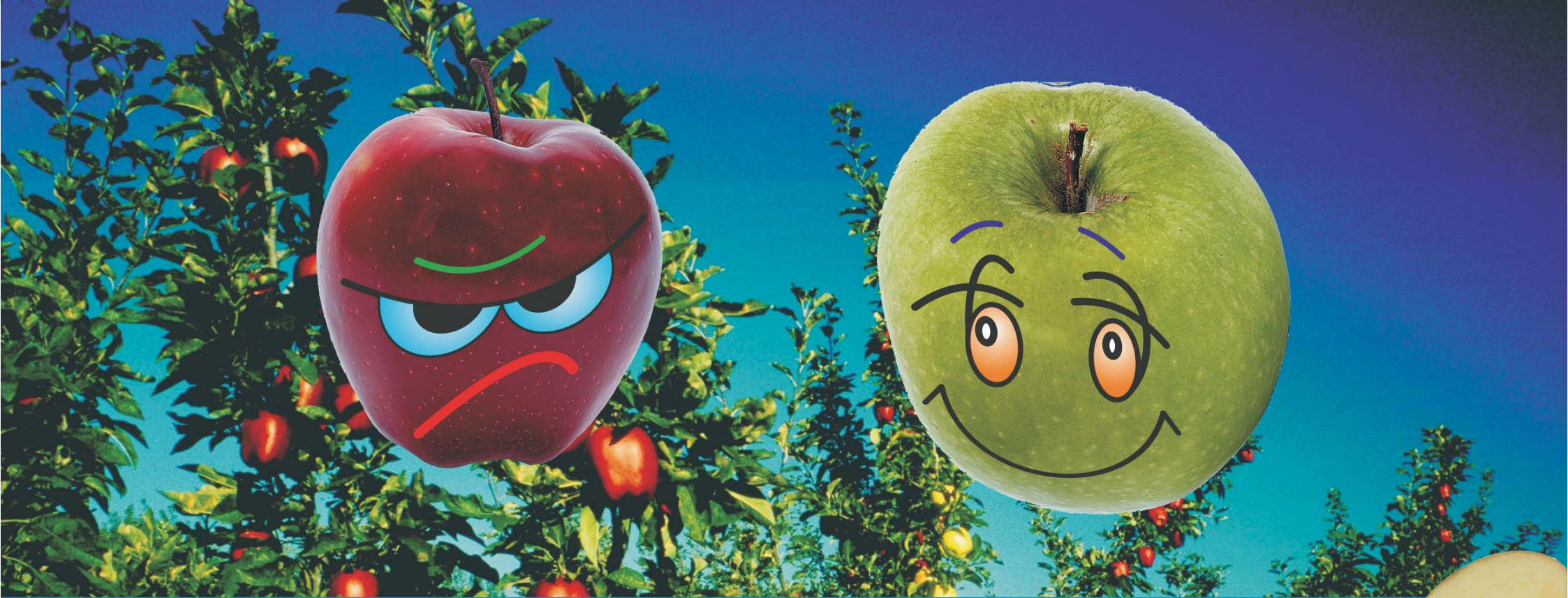


An apple named Juicy stepped forward, moved toward Crunch and said angrily, “We can't play with you because you're green”.

“But I'm an apple too, just like you”, said Crunch.

“No you're not! We are red apples and we are better than green apples”, explained Juicy.





“Why does it matter what colour we are? We are all apples. Did you grow on an apple tree like I did?” asked Crunch.

Juicy snapped and said sharply, “Yes, it does matter!”

“Do you have apple seeds inside you and a crispy apple body?” said Crunch.

“Yes, but that doesn't matter. You're a different colour”, said Juicy.

Juicy felt very angry with Crunch.

Juicy didn't like that Crunch said that they were both the same. Juicy thought that they were different because of the colour of their apple skin.







Crunch thought differently and chuckled,  
“It looks like, sounds like and feels like  
we are all the same, both green and  
red apples”.



“No no no!” exclaimed Juicy. “That doesn't  
matter. You can't be here, you're a green  
apple, not a red apple like us”, growled  
Juicy.

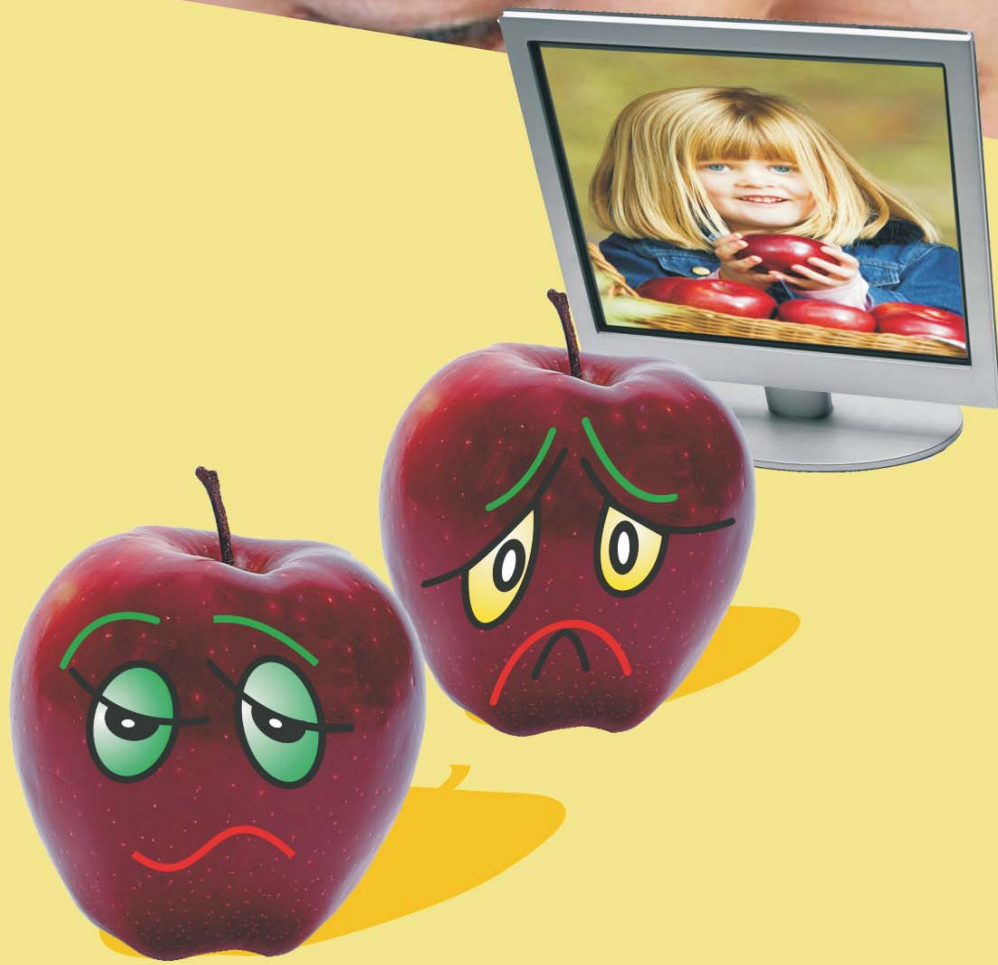


“If you were an apple like us, we would see you on television. But you're not red and we don't see you on television. We only see red apples on television”, said Juicy.



Crunch smirked and said, “What about at the supermarket? I see red apples, green apples and yellow apples all together”.





“Yes”, said the other red apples.

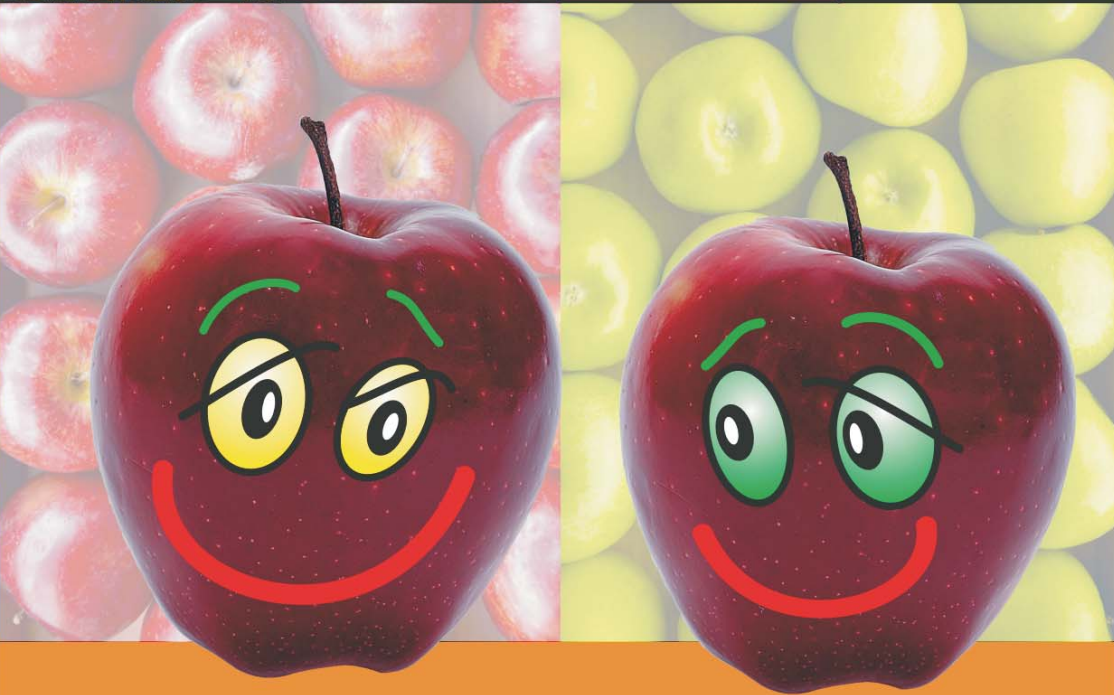
“Maybe Crunch is right”, Royal said. “Just because we don't see green apples on television, it doesn't mean that red apples are the best”.

Juicy jumped up and shouted, “My big Brother said that green apples are bad because they aren't sweet like red apples!”





“That's correct” explained Green Apple.  
“I'm more tart. Some people like green tart apples and some people like sweeter red apples. And there are many people who like both red sweet and green tart apples”.



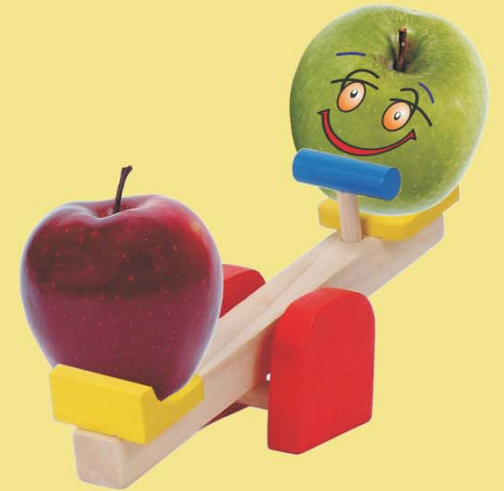
Royal said to Gala “I like what Crunch is saying. We both grow on trees, we both have apple seeds inside us and we both have crispy apple bodies. And we can have red, green or even yellow skin apples and some are tart and some are sweet.”





Gala thought for a minute, “Mmmmm,” and said, “Crunch is right! We are all the same. We are all apples”.

Royal and Gala moved across the fruit bowl and started to play with their new friend Crunch and left Juicy all by himself. Juicy didn't want to play with Crunch because he was green, not red.



Royal and Gala had a fun time with Crunch discovering all the things that were the same, they even liked what was different about each other.



Juicy wasn't feeling very good being all by himself with no one to play with. He thought to himself, "This is how Crunch must have felt when we didn't want him in the fruit bowl".



Meanwhile, Juicy watched the 3 apples playing and started to notice that all the apples were the same, no matter what colour skin they had.





Juicy had changed his mind and wanted to play with all the other apples. So, he moved to the other side of the fruit bowl and asked, "Can I play too, please?"



"Of course you can", said the apples, smiling and happy to have another friend to play with. The next day all the apples, both green and red, became a delicious apple pie.

