

RUBY RED BEAM Grapefruit

One warm day in February a light rain shower came over Healthyville. Once the rain passed a rainbow appeared in the sky touching down on a grapefruit tree. A single grapefruit on the tree began to glow inside causing the fruit to fill with energy and come alive. A farmer noticed movement in the tree and stumbled upon Ruby Red. She was the first of her kind. She explained to him that

she and her fellow grapefruit friends were a good source of nutritious vitamin C and that it was her mission to bring nutrition to all the residents of Healthyville. The farmer agreed to help Ruby Red plant grapefruit trees all over Healthyville and the state of Texas so everyone could enjoy the nutritious benefits and great taste of grapefruit.

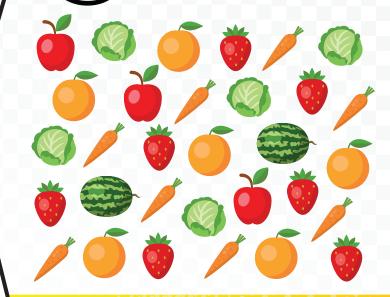
FUN FACTS

- 'Ruby Red' was discovered as a limb sport (a mutation of one limb which has different fruit characteristics than the rest of the tree) on a 'Pink Marsh' tree in 1929 by A. E. Henninger of McAllen, Texas, who was granted a patent (U.S. Plant Patent No. 63) in 1934.
 - Grapefruits are a combination of the orange and a pummelo.

RUBY RED BEÁM'S FAUORITE ACTIVITIES Softball

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Count the correct number of each fruit or vegetable below.



ARCH ENEMY

Snails: The common garden snail can cause extensive damage to the leaves and fruit of citrus, especially grapefruit and oranges. They start by attacking young leaves by chewing holes in them and leaving them severely damaged.



JOKE OF THE MONTH

Q: Why did the grapefruit fail his driving test?

A: It kept peeling out.



Sources: Texas A&M and Agrilife Extension