

#Restoroots

Restorative sessions, whether we're talking peace circles or restorative courts, require fluid, thoughtful dialogue, with you, the facilitator, being the key piece in ensuring that actually happens. The **Restoroots** are a series of iterative questions that we can ask to *drive, shape, reframe, invigorate, and deepen* these dialogues. In the next two pages, we highlight some of the core questions that you can ask - to either the offender or the victim - during your restorative session. The goal of the Restoroots questions is to create the raw material needed to both begin and sustain the dialogue.

Restoroots are meant to be non-argumentative; so, make sure that as you go through these questions, you're deliberate and measured both in terms of which questions you ask, when, *and* how you ask them. No one wants to feel like they're in an interrogation room. Try to be very mindful of this.

There are four branches in Restoroots and each should be evoked only if/when appropriate:

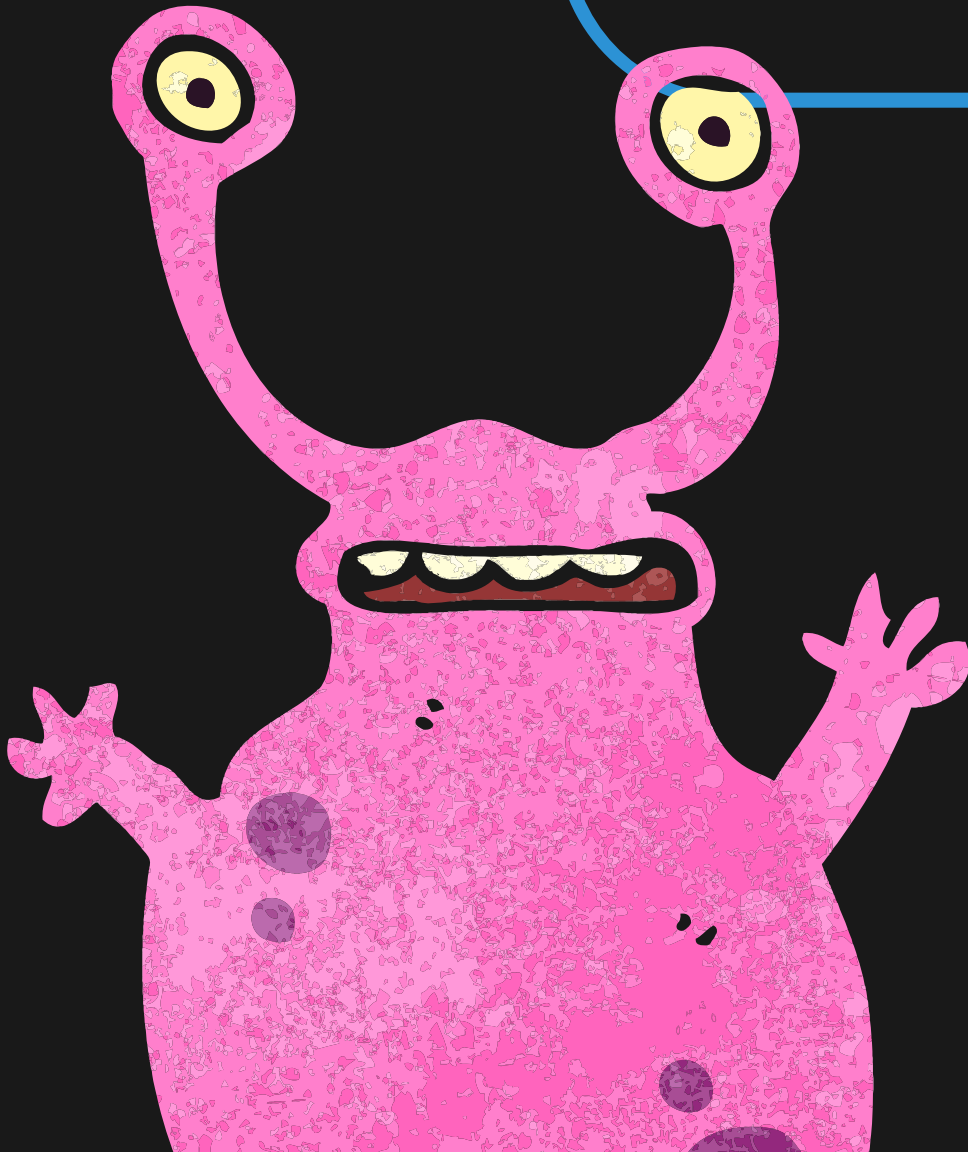
- **Defiant**: The person rejects what they've done or what has happened to them
- **Agreeable**: The person accepts and affirms the situation and circumstances
- **Apathetic**: The person apparently is apathetic (doesn't care) about the situation and circumstances
- **Unclear**: The person doesn't understand or "get" the current or potential harms caused





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