thrive and produce in western Colorado, they wanted to grow more. So they ________ their trees. ________ creates a copy of a tree. To ________, the farmer would take a twig from one tree, the tree they wanted to copy. They connected this ________ to the ________ of different tree. Now this was a tricky process, and it didn’t always work.

Farmers here discovered that the high elevation with its warm _____ and colder _____ made their fruit sweeter. Soon enough, there were lots of orchards throughout the county. All of the different types of ____ looked and tasted different. By ________, there were 48,630 ____ trees in Montezuma County. From 100 trees to 48,000 trees. Business was good, and farmers made lots of ________ for their unique tasting fruits. As time went on, people wanted all of their ________ to look the same. In the northwest, the state of Washington began producing lots and lots of ________ that were bright, red, and uniform in size. Because this is what people wanted. The growers in Southwest Colorado began planting the same trees, but they didn’t grow as well in our climate. Growing ________ in Montezuma County was no longer a profitable business. ________ growers stopped