Apples are fruits that grow on trees. During winter, apple trees rest. The apple buds are dormant or inactive. In the spring, the buds begin to open and the tree is covered in leaves. Soon flowers appear. Each blossom has 5 petals and is either pink or white. Apples grow where there were blossoms. Green apples grow on the tree all summer. In the fall, apples start to ripen. Most apples turn red but some stay green or some change to yellow.

There are many kinds of apples to enjoy—red, yellow, or green, sour or sweet, Macintosh, Granny Smith, and more.

1. Apples are __________________ that grow on __________________.

2. What does the word dormant mean?
   ________________________________

3. Describe an apple blossom.
   ________________________________

4. When do apples ripen? ________________

** Color the black and white apple above your favorite color of apple.
** Highlight the “star” words in the writing.