

**NOTE:** This practice CLOZE Test may be used for grades 4 - 8

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Columbus asked to try one. He \_\_\_\_\_ it. It \_\_\_\_\_ sweet and very good.

The new fruit was as good as an apple. Columbus \_\_\_\_\_ it a pineapple. When he left, he \_\_\_\_\_ some pineapple plants with him and \_\_\_\_\_ them to the Queen. Soon pineapples were \_\_\_\_\_ in Spain.

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Columbus asked to try one. He took it. It tasted sweet and very good.

The new fruit was as good as an apple. Columbus named it a pineapple. When he left, he took some pineapple plants with him and gave them to the Queen. Soon pineapples were growing in Spain.

Today pineapples are bigger because farmers know how to grow them better. They feed them plant food and take good care of them. They ship them all over the world.