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- b. Rusty
- c. Blue
- d. Broken and old

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3) What kind of tree did George cut down?

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- b. Apple tree
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It was the only tree of its kind in the county and cost a lot of money.

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