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Grafting a Pecan Tree

In pecan trees, the varieties with high-quality nuts often have weak roots. Varieties with strong roots have poor-quality nuts. To get high-quality nuts on strong roots, pecan farmers insert a **scion** from a high-quality nut variety into a strong **rootstock** variety. This procedure is called **grafting**.

graft: a shoot or twig inserted into a slit on the trunk or stem of a living plant

rootstock: a living plant into which another variety is grafted

scion: a young shoot or twig of a plant, cut for grafting

Draw and label the finished graft using the vocabulary words from the box.

rootstock	scion	thumbtack	tape	graft
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