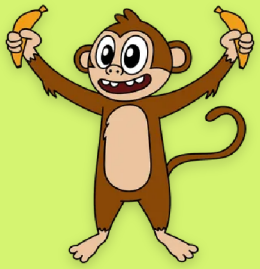
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# How Old Is the Tree?

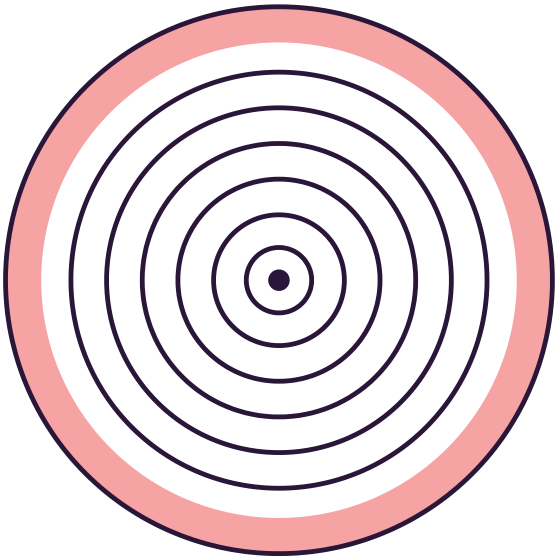
Count the growth rings on a tree stump to find its age, then answer what wide and thin rings mean.



**Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

Every year a tree grows one new **ring** of wood just under its bark. Count the rings on a stump to find out how old the tree was.

**A tree stump. The bark is the gray ring around the outside.**



**1. How many rings? Do not count the bark.** _____

**2. How old was the tree?** _____

**3. It was cut down in 2026. When did it start to grow?** _____

**Circle the answer.**

A wide ring means the tree had

**a good growing year** **a bad growing year**

A thin ring could mean there was

**lots of rain** **not much rain**



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