



TAKE CARE OF TEXAS: EDUCATOR MATERIALS

WORKSHEET

How old is that tree?

Name: _____ Date: _____

Instructions: Read the text and learn how to count and read tree rings.

Trees show their age by adding a new ring to their trunk each year. To count tree rings, scientists take a piece from the trunk called a "core." This core shows the rings the tree adds. Scientists count the rings to find out the age of the tree! Counting rings helps scientists learn about the trees and tells us about the climate. Wide rings usually mean the tree had a good and wet year, while narrow rings mean a hard or dry year.



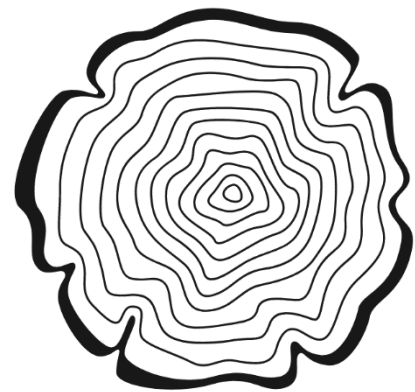
How old is the tree?

_____ years old



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Answer Key

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How old is the tree?

10 years old



How old is the tree?

12 years old



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