

READING BETWEEN THE RINGS



Dendrochronologists study the rings of trees. These scientists are able to tell how old a tree is and learn about past climate and environmental events. A tree grows a ring for each year of its life. How thick or thin a ring is can tell us about the weather and environmental conditions that year. Study the diagram below and use the tree ring cookie to put your dendrochronology skills to the test.



TRY IT!

Can you tell how old this tree is? Write your answer on the picture to the right. Draw out your life as a tree using a paper plate. Make a ring for each year of your life. Add in important dates, growth spurts, and more.

