

Read the story below.

How Old is that Tree?

How old are you?

It's easy to ask someone their age.

But how do you ask a tree?

Trees don't talk like us.

But that's not a problem.

We can find out by looking at their **trunk**.



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First, find a tree that has been cut down.

You will see some circles.

The circle in the **center** is small.

They get bigger towards the outside of the tree.

These circles are called rings.
Each ring is for one year of growing.
Count all of the **rings**.
They tell us how old the tree is!

wood	huge
trunk	center
ring	plenty



Some rings are wide.
A wide ring is a good year for the tree.
It means the tree got **plenty** of rain and sun
that year.
The **wood** in the trunk grew much bigger.
Some rings are thin.
The tree didn't get much rain or sun in those
years.
Some trees are **huge** and have hundreds of
rings.
Guess how old they are!



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Exercise 1

Read the sentences. Complete them with a word from the box.

wood
trunk

rings
huge

center
plenty

1. That elephant is _____.
2. My desk is made of _____.
3. The _____ of that tree is very big.
4. Do you want some ice cream? There is _____ in the freezer.
5. This is our class picture. I'm in the _____.
6. These circles are called _____.



Exercise 2

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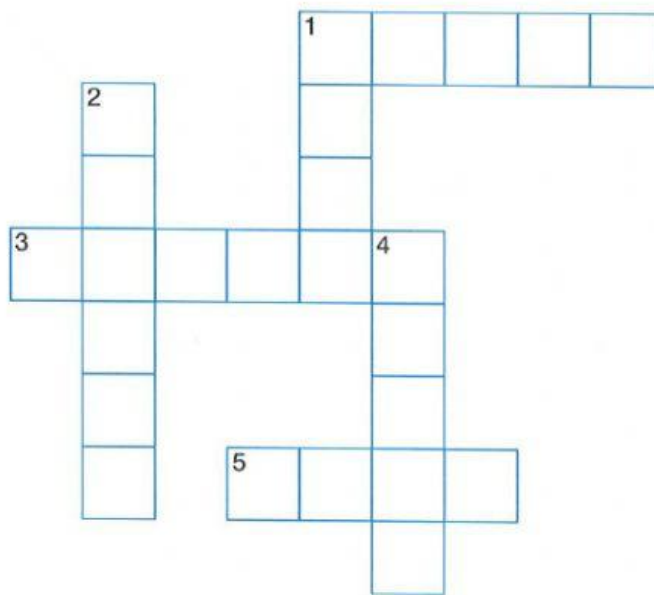
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Solve the puzzle.

tree
trunk

rings
huge

center
plenty



Across

1.



3.



5.

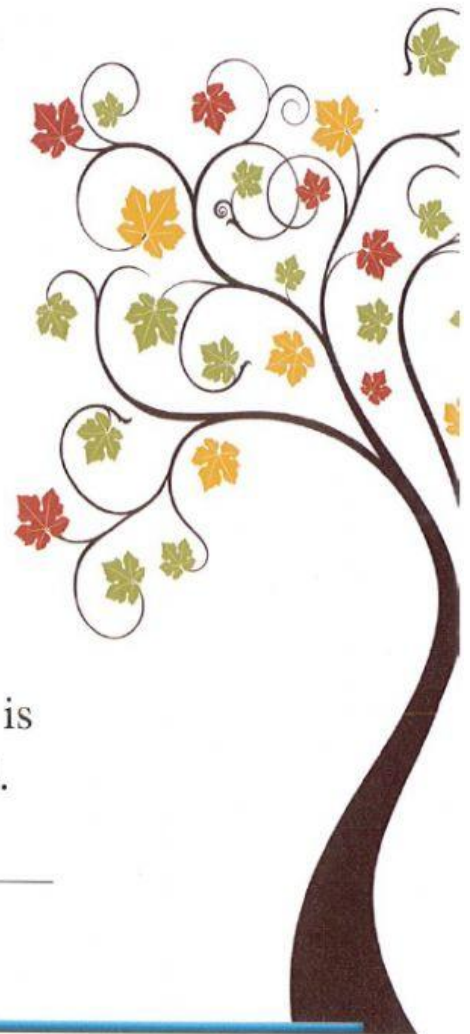


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1. Wood comes from a _____.

2. Please eat more. There is _____ of food.

4. Count the _____ on that tree.





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Exercise 3

Which word best fits in the blank? Circle the correct answer.

I have (1) of pictures. This is the picture of my family.
In the (2) is my brother.

1. a. big
b. plenty
c. long
d. huge

2. a. father
b. small
c. center
d. out

I want to know the age of this tree. I will look at its (3).
And I will count its (4).

3. a. leaves
b. sky
c. time
d. trunk

4. a. rings
b. money
c. jewelry
d. roots

She has much money. She lives in a (5) house. This house is made of (6).

5. a. delicious
b. helpful
c. huge
d. sleeping

6. a. wood
b. water
c. bank
d. air

1 Reading Comprehension Choose the best answer.

1. This story is about _____.
 - a. elephant trunks
 - b. rings and necklaces
 - c. old people
 - d. trees
2. Rings tell us _____.
 - a. how old a tree is
 - b. how much something costs
 - c. the future
 - d. funny stories
3. A wide ring means the tree _____.
 - a. got too much rain and sun that year
 - b. didn't get enough rain and sun that year
 - c. got plenty of dirt and air that year
 - d. got plenty of rain and sun that year

2 General Understanding Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Each ring on a tree trunk is for 5 years of growing. T F
2. The circles on a tree trunk are called rings. T F
3. Rings get smaller towards the outside of the tree. T F