

Vocabulary: Measuring Trees

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- Circumference – the distance around a circular object.
- Cross section – a section that is cut through the middle of a solid object.
- Diameter – the width of a circle.
- Drought – period of much lower than normal rainfall.
- Growth ring – a layer of wood added to a tree trunk during one growing season.
 - During the spring and early summer, trees grow quickly. Wood that forms at this time is light in color and is called *early wood*.
 - During the late summer and early fall, trees grow slowly. Wood that forms at this time is dark in color and is called *late wood*.
 - In some tropical locations there is little difference in seasons. Trees that grow there do not form growth rings.
- Precipitation – water that falls to Earth in the form of rain, snow, sleet, or hail.

