

How old is my Tree? Activity

Children's worksheet

Have you ever wondered how old a tree is without having to cut it down to look at the rings within the trunk?

You will need

Printed worksheets and a pen and a measuring tape between two

Activity

Get into pairs



Take the measuring tape and where your eyes are level with the tree trunk, measure the whole way around.

What number do you read off your tape? Write the answer down.

Answer: _____ cm (1st answer)

Ask the children to round their answer up to the nearest 50cm!

Next, divide this number by 10.

Answer: _____ cm (2nd answer)

Multiply the above number by the TREE FACTOR!

Each tree has a different TREE FACTOR.

Ash: 4

Horse Chestnut: 5

Birch: 4

Hawthorn: 5

Oak: 3

And multiply it by whatever tree you are working with.

Second Answer x TREE FACTOR = Age

_____ X _____ = _____

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