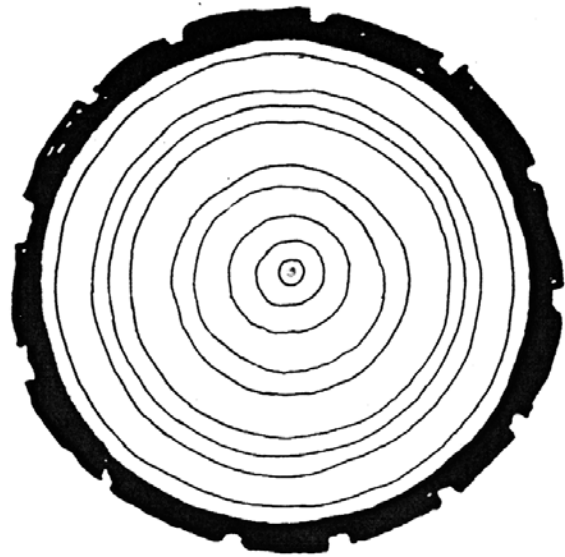
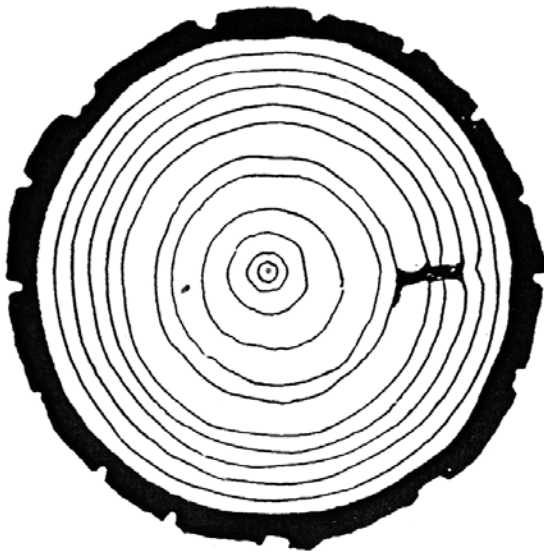
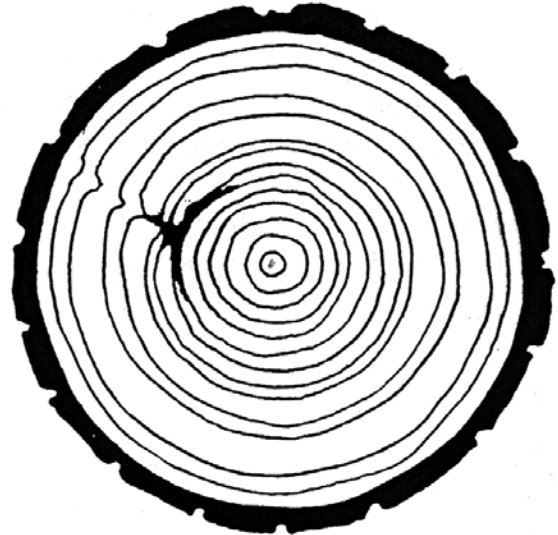
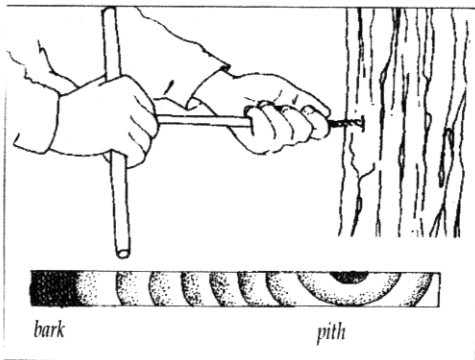


GROWTH RINGS



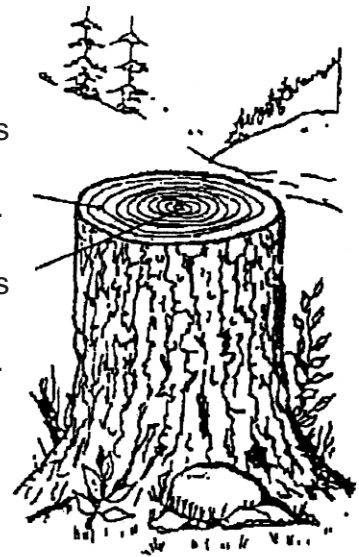
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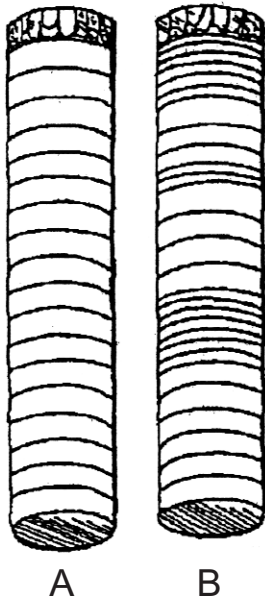
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Growth rings formed 3 years ago.

Growth rings formed 8 years ago.



CORE DRAWN OUT

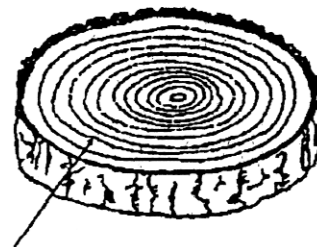


A - fast growth
B - fast growth for the first 6 years followed by 7 years of slow growth.

Rings narrow, dark and jammed together show poor growing conditions.



Both trees are the same age but one is 1/2 diameter of the other.



Rings wide, light, well spaced, show good growing conditions.

TREE RING ACTIVITY

