

## Chapter 14: Pruning Quiz

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Question
1. The swollen area of the trunk tissue that forms around the base of a branch is called: a. Lateral branch b. Ridge bark c. Branch collar
2. Small trees or shrubs should be root pruned _____. a. about a week before being moved b. about a year before being moved c. to reduce flowering d. to stop nutrient absorption
3. The most desirable pruning procedure for evergreen shrubs is: a. Thinning b. Shearing c. Chain-sawing d. Tip-pruning
4. Spring flowering shrubs, such as forsythia, should be pruned: a. In the fall b. Soon after they bloom c. Every third year d. In late winter
5. A good shape for hedges is: a. Flat tops and vertical sides b. Flat topped with sides slanting to a narrow bottom c. Slightly concave tops with a wide base d. Rounded or slightly pointed top with sides slanting to a wide base
6. Old-fashioned rambler roses produce flowers best on: a. New growth b. Last year's growth c. Third year's growth d. All of the above
7. To balance apple tree vegetative and fruiting growth, limb orientation should be: a. 20 degrees from vertical b. 40 degrees from vertical c. 60 degrees from vertical d. 90 degrees from vertical
8. After the third year of apple tree growth _____. a. Use thinning cuts to remove shoots at the junction with a lateral scaffold b. Remove crossing branches c. Remove shoots growing up into the tree d. All of the above

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9. Which evergreen tree does not have whorled branches?

- a. Arborvitae
- b. Spruce
- c. Fir
- d. White Pine

10. Pruning a shrub of old and/or unproductive branches over a period of 3 years is called:

- a. Extensive Rejuvenation
- b. Maintenance Pruning
- c. Gradual Rejuvenation
- d. None of the above