Absolute v. Relative Dating

Absolute	Provides a numerical, calendar date for a sample, artifact or site.
Relative	Comparative methods which don't provide a numerical date.

Dendrochronology

Dating wood specimens in comparison to a known master series for the species. Can provide a date accurate to the nearest year.

Absolute and relative	If a master series is available, then the dating will be absolute. A comparison of locally available wood will provide relative dating.
Case study - *Pueblo Arroyo*	Southwest American Pueblo
	Dendrochronology used to establish different periods of construction (1070s and 1100s).
	Also provided information about demographics - population growth estimated through spatial studies analysing how many people were living per room.
Accuracy	- Tree rings can be skipped during tree growth.
	e.g. junipers have been used for dendrochronological dating in the past, but are now considered a particularly inaccurate species.

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