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n.

1. The distance around something; the circumference.
2. Size; bulk: *a person of large girth.*
3. A strap encircling an animal's body in order to secure a load or saddle on its back; a cinch.

tr.v. **girthed**, **girth•ing**, **girths**

1. To measure the circumference of.
2. To encircle.
3. To secure with a girth.

[Middle English *gerth*, girth strap, from Old Norse *gjörðh*, girdle; see **gher**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]



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