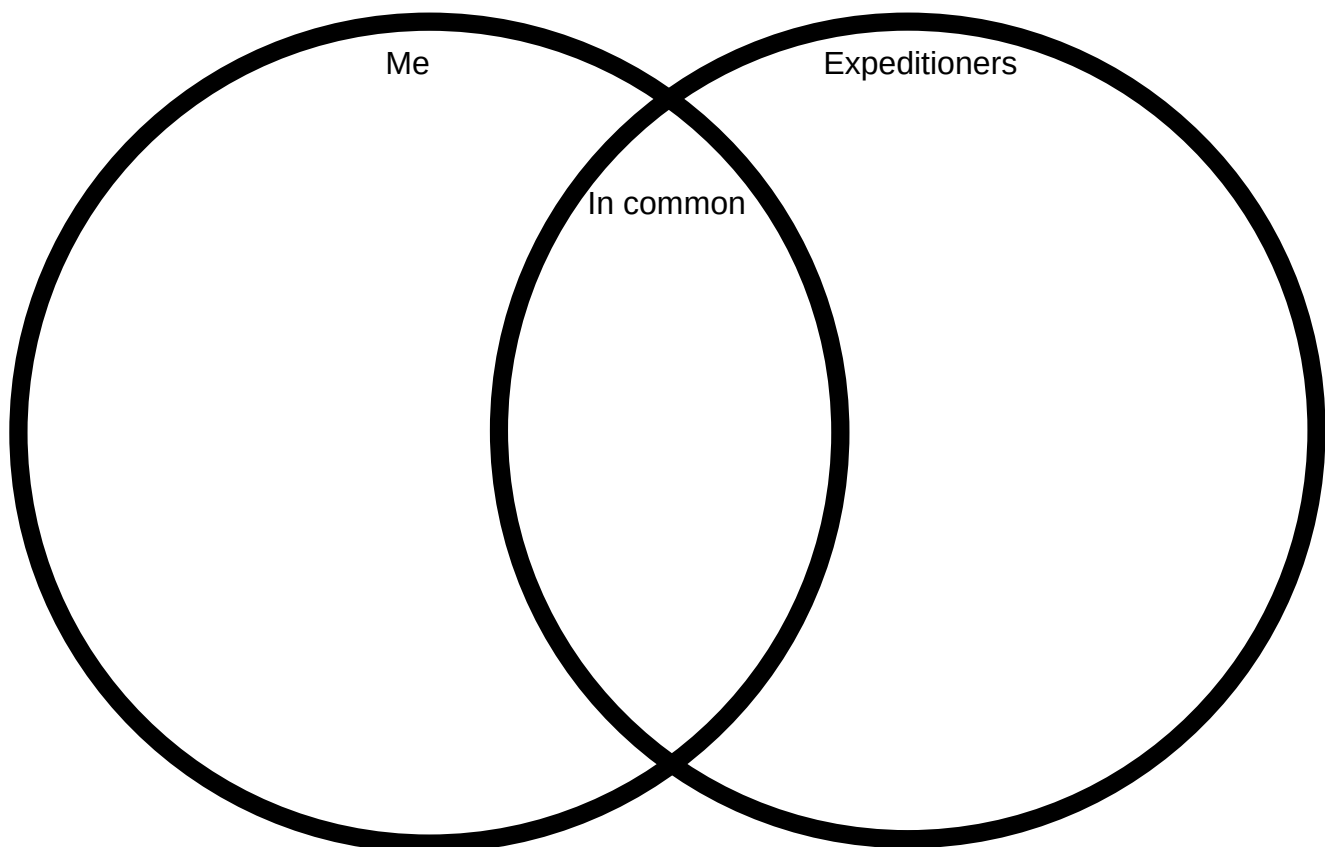


Life on the Cold Continent

Read through these questions before you listen to this week's Shortcut. Then, put your pencil down, and listen really carefully. Don't be tempted to start writing! You might miss information for a following question.

- Which of the following are true?
 - Antarctica contains 90% of the world's ice.
 - Antarctica is a desert.
 - Snowstorms happen all the time in winter in Antarctica.

- Let's find some similarities between how you live, and how the Australians on the research stations live. You'll write things about your life (what you eat, how long you shower for, the climate you live in, the work you do) into the circle on the left. You'll write details about the Antarctic expeditioners on the right. And if you have something in common—like, perhaps, that you sometimes have movie night—you'll write it in the middle.



3. What kind of person would enjoy living and working in Antarctica? Use information you heard in the podcast, as well as your own ideas.

4. This is a real question on a quiz given by the Australian Antarctic Program to people considering working in Antarctica. You are unpacking your belongings in your room and you discover a small spider that has survived the journey. What should you do?

- Kill it and throw it away and not mention it to anyone.
- Let it go – it is so small that it is not going to bother anyone.
- Catch the spider using the Alien Invertebrate Kit, and give it to your station environment officer or station leader.

5. Explain your choice for question 4.

6. Imagine you were going to Antarctica to live for the winter. Draw and label five small personal items that you'd bring to remind you of home and keep you entertained.