

## USING A VENN DIAGRAM

**THE 5 THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY**

This issue's GeoSkills feature, "The *Titanic's* Watery Grave" (pp. 22-23), covers location, one of the five themes of geography. In future issues, you will read about the other four.

The five themes of geography are:

location • place • movement • regions • human-environment interaction

Location can be split into two types: absolute and relative.

**Absolute location** is the kind that you read about in the *Titanic* article. It is precise, pinpointed by the use of latitude and longitude.

**Relative location** is less specific. It is useful for everyday navigation, such as finding the bread aisle in a supermarket or giving friends directions to your house. You may use landmarks, compass direction, and distance as general guides.

**VENN DIAGRAM**

Write the number of each example of absolute location in Section **A**. Write the number of each example of relative location in Section **B**. In Section **C**, write the number of each situation in which you use both types of location.

1. requesting a Coast Guard rescue when your boat's engine conks out at sea
2. finding your dentist's office in a high-rise building
3. bringing the space shuttle in for a landing at the Kennedy Space Center

4. getting to the airport gate for your flight
5. running the bases in a softball game
6. finding Mount Everest on a map of the world
7. returning to the wreck of the *Titanic*
8. taking a left at the third traffic light
9. flying a jet across the Pacific Ocean
10. driving a car with a GPS system

