

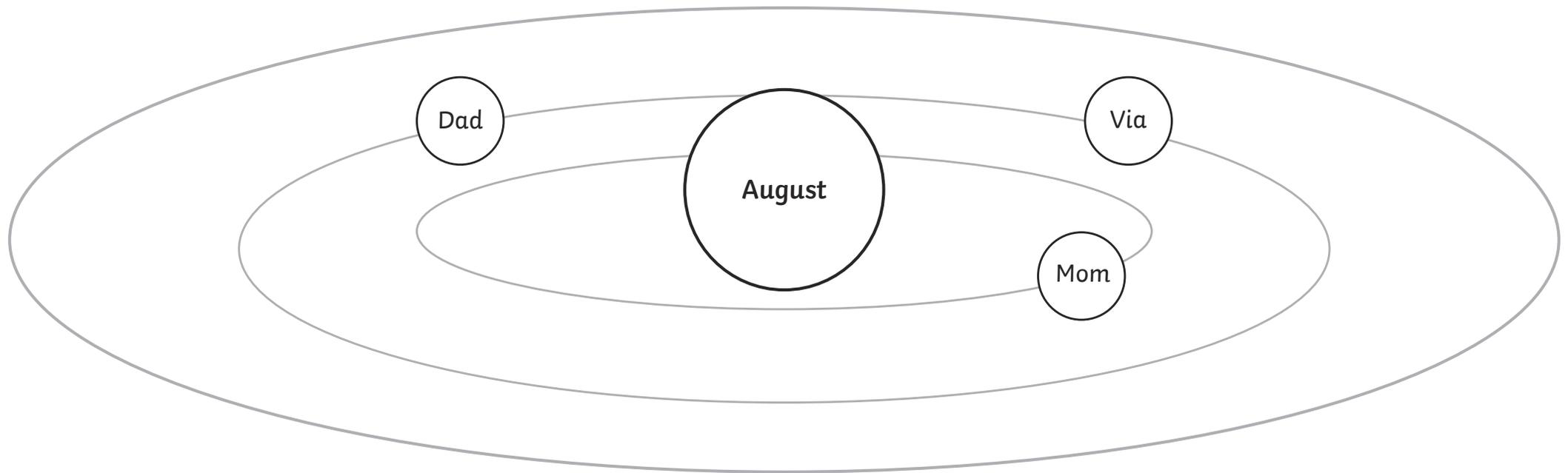
Orbiting August

Part A

On page 82, Via describes August as the Sun and his family and friends orbiting around him like the planets.

In this activity, you will outline August's personal and social network.

You'll need a copy of the book for this activity. Work with a partner to draw August's solar system with as many characters as you can remember orbiting around him. The people he's closest to should be closer to the Sun/August and people he doesn't have much to do with should be further away. People who have a major influence on August such as Julian and Jack are likely to be larger planets. For the minor planets/characters, note which page they appear on. Plan your diagram alongside your partner below and then make a final copy on your own on A3 or A2 paper for display.



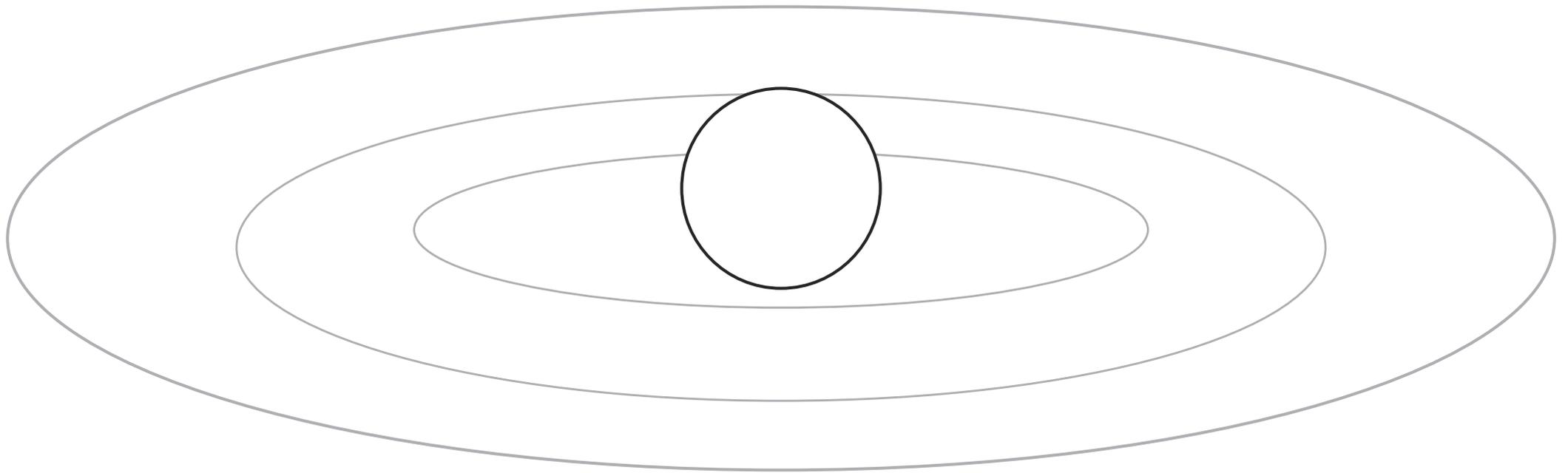
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Part B

On page 82, Via describes August as the Sun and his family and friends orbiting around him like the planets.

In this activity, you will create your own personal and social network.

Can you make a solar system of your family, friends and people you know? You might even include people in the media, on TV or on the Internet in your solar system. The people you're closest to should be closer to the Sun/you and people you don't have much to do with should be further away. People who have a major influence on you are likely to be larger planets. Draft your solar system below, then make a final copy on your own on A3 or A2 paper for display.



Orbiting August Answers

Part A

Answers will vary.

Part B

Answers will vary.

Challenge Task

At the end of page 83, Via says, "The galaxy is changing. Planets are falling out of alignment." What does she mean? Skim read pages 82-117 to find examples of how the family's galaxy may be changing.

Example Answer:

Both August and Via have started new schools and are making new friends. August has met Julian and Jack, for instance, and doesn't have much to do with Chris, who he was once good friends with. So far, we've only ever known August's family to be supportive of him, but now we're seeing from Via's viewpoint how difficult it's been for her to be August's sister. We're starting to see Via's point of view as opposed to August's so we as readers are beginning to move away from August being at the centre of things.