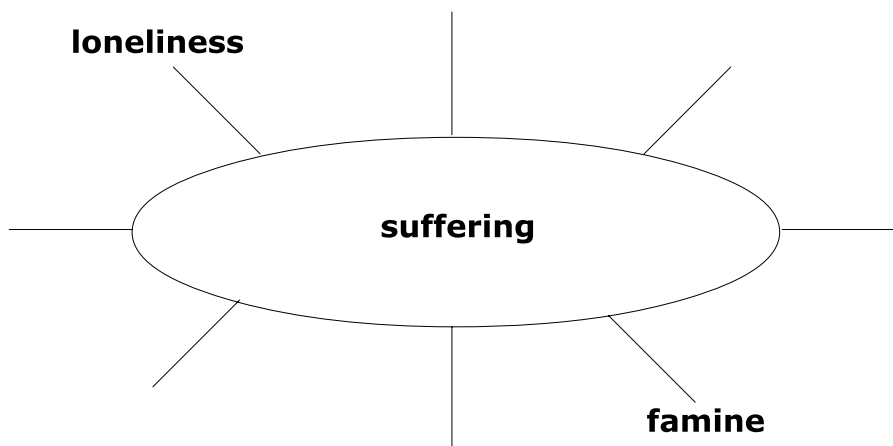


Exploring belief in God

Suffering in the world

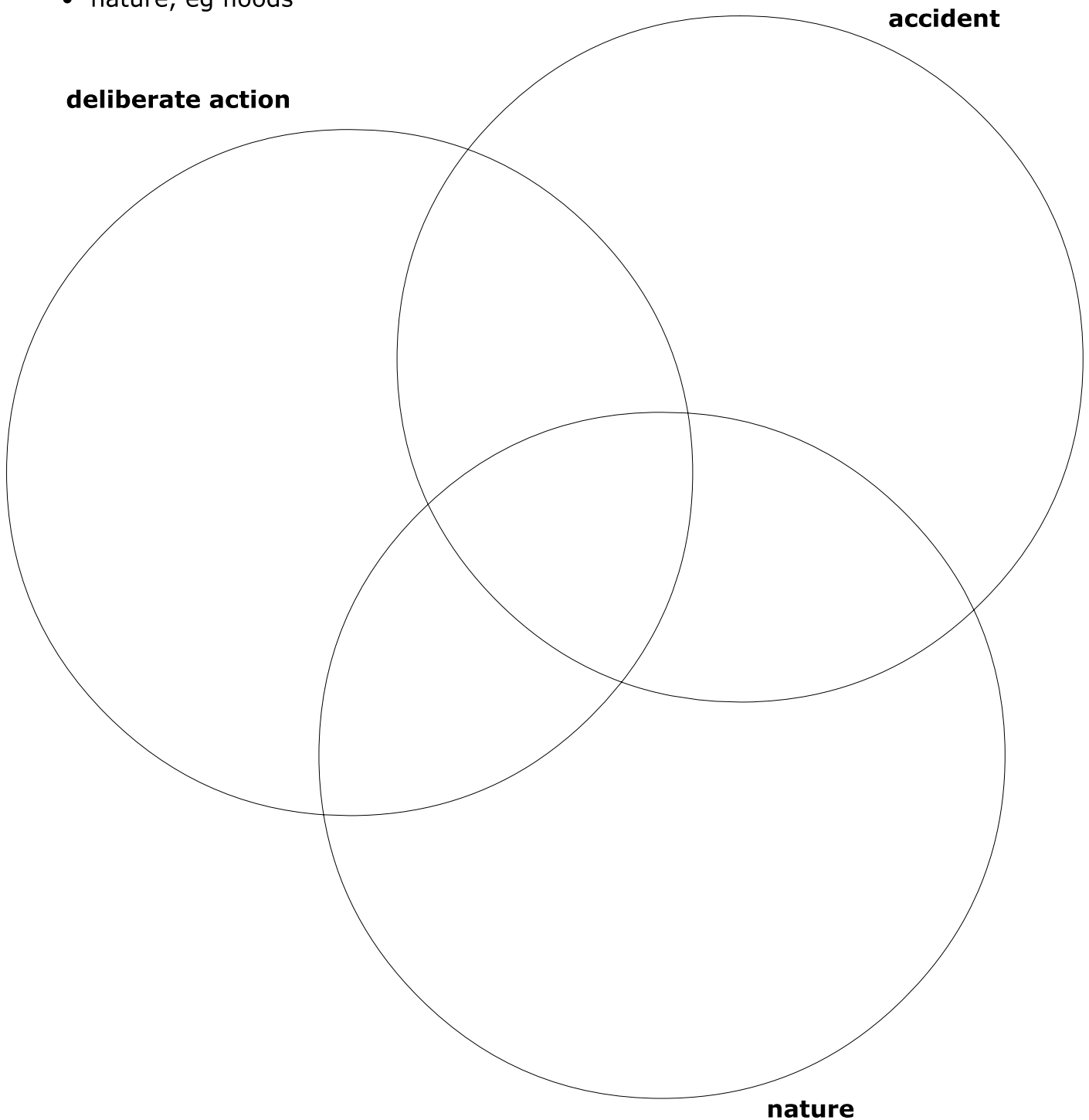
1. One argument that people use to try and prove that God does not exist is to look at all the suffering in the world. In groups try and list as many different types of suffering as you can. Present your findings in the form of a spider diagram like the one below. Some examples are shown to help you.



2. Compare your list of different types of suffering with the rest of the class. Add any more items that others thought of.

3. Put this new list into the three circles below depending on whether the suffering was mainly caused by the following:

- deliberate human action, eg crime
- accident, eg an illness
- nature, eg floods



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- 4. Can you think of any examples of suffering which overlap the different circles, eg drink-driving (accident / deliberate action)? Put these into the parts of your circle that overlap.
- 5. The ancient Chinese symbol of Yin and Yang (below) demonstrates that there is good and evil in the world and that we need both. Do you think this is a sensible idea? Why? Write a paragraph explaining your views.

