

## FOLDED VENN DIAGRAMS

Who said that Venn Diagrams had to be circular? Rectangular shapes offer much more space for writing! And with a few simple folds, your students can create their own four-sided Venn Diagrams.

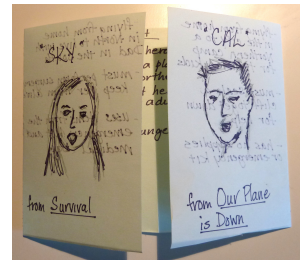
You can use any size of paper, but a sheet of 8x11 cut paper in half horizontally to create 11x4 inch strips works well.

There are two approaches to creating the folded Venn Diagram. One approach is to teach your students to fold the paper in three equal parts. Good luck with that.

A simpler approach is to create a “shutter fold”. Fold the page in half, then fold in both edges to meet in the middle – like the shutter on a window. When unfolded, the paper will have two small sections on either end with a larger section in the middle.



Leave it folded, and the two outside flaps may be used to write about, sketch, or simply name the two items being compared.



When the “shutters” are opened, use the two end sections to write about the individual characteristics and the middle section to write about the common characteristics.

