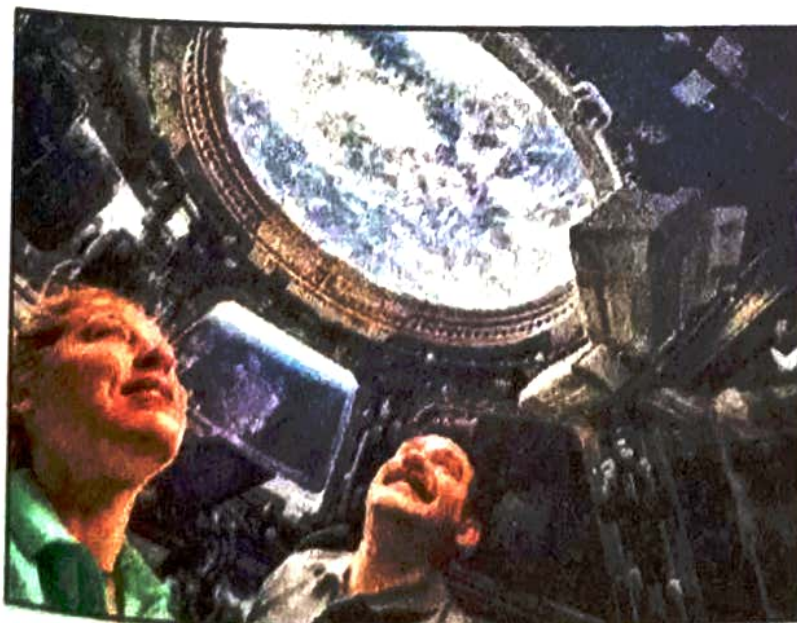


Space blues

■ Future Mars crews may discover that the greatest danger of isolation is having nowhere to escape from one another. A 10-month Antarctic experiment by researchers from the University of Zurich in Switzerland found that astronauts may struggle not only with loneliness but also with spending too much time around the same people. Frequent contact was linked to greater tension and mistrust, while the crew increasingly divided into cultural and language-based groups.

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