Distance $d_G(u, v)$ between two vertices u, v in a graph G = length of the shortest path between u and v.

Diameter diam(G) of a connected graph G

= maximum distance between any two vertices in G.

Radius rad(G) of a connected graph G= <u>smallest number</u> r so that every vertex in G is at distance $\leq r$ from some (particular) vertex in G.



"Six degrees of separation is the idea that all people are six or fewer social connections away from each other." (*Wikipedia*)

What does this say for the graph G where **vertices** = **people**, and **edges** = "social connections" (e.g., friendships btwn 2 people)?