

Career choice - Opportunity for self-discovery

ABG - PhD career development

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Working day of a manuscript editor?

Typical tasks:

1. Handling submitted manuscripts

reading & selecting manuscripts (on average 2 submissions per day)
other manuscript related tasks: decisions, searching for referees,...

2. Outreach

conferences, lab visits

3. Creating content

writing research highlights
commissioning reviews
features

4. Office & company


administrative tasks (e.g. e-mails)
meetings



Career choice

Research project

Career choice - research project

- Personality
 - CV
 - Decisive experiences in the past
 - Passions
 - Values
 - Job profile
 - Societal, familial & own expectations
 - Life outside of work
 - Employer
 - Working conditions
 - Working atmosphere
 - ...
- Identity
Who am I?
- Wishes
What do I want?
- External
factors
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Career choice – research project

Different approaches

“I always knew what I wanted in life”

Pragmatic & path of minimal resistance

Question everything

Who am I?

Example

Who am I?



Who am I ?

psychology:
big five personality traits



sensitive/nervous

efficient/organized



easy-going/careless



open/curious



consistent/cautious

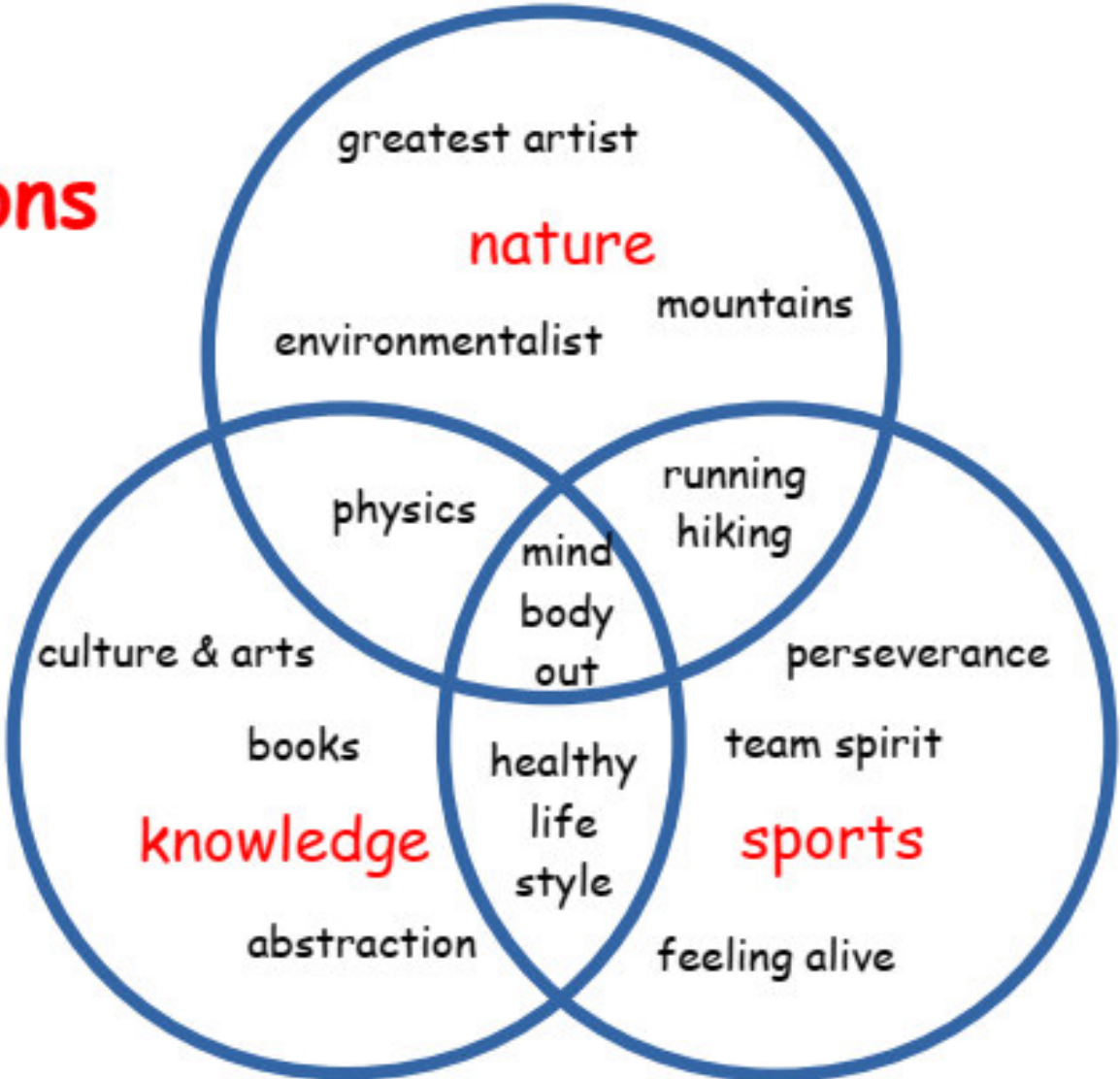
friendly/compassionate



challenging/detached

Who am I? What do I like?

Passions



Who am I? My past

Experiences (life is a journey)



childhood: village in Bavaria



Studies: ~1 year in California



productive PhD in Paris area



1st job: scientific editor in Berlin



unproductive, frustrating postdoc
in Luxembourg



Questions?