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➤ Introductory course – Scientific writing

A step by step approach to make writing a pleasant game

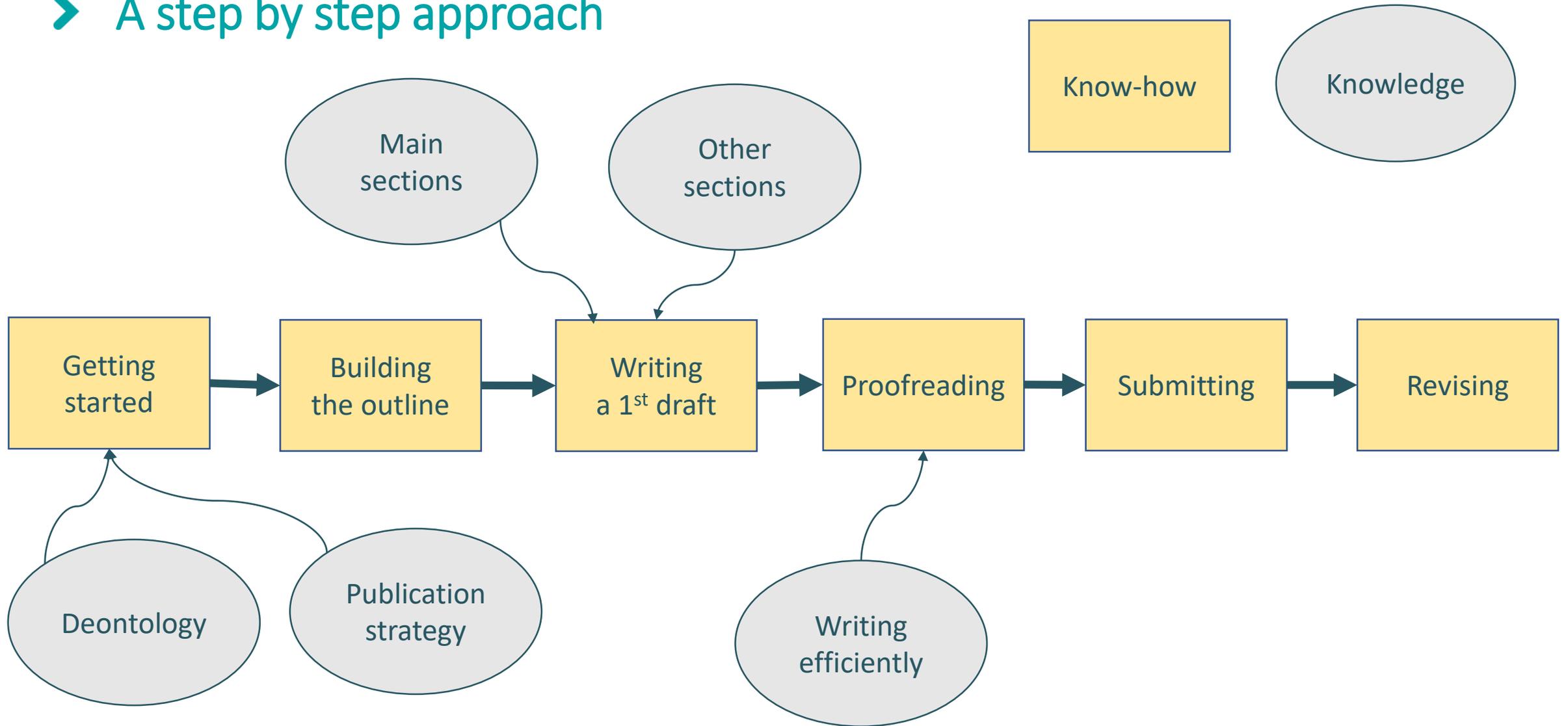
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➤ Barriers to publication

Barriers	Solutions
The research was not designed with getting published in mind	You did all that work for nothing → Let it serve as a lesson for next time
Hold-back from one of your funding sources	Be clear about your plans when you sign contracts (a partnership office may oversee the process!) → Let it serve as a lesson for next time
Squeezed for time	Make getting published your priority (it's ultimately the aim of the work we do!)
A squad of co-authors	Give co-authors a deadline to get back to you on a proposed draft
Problems getting the writing underway: the daunting blank page/screen, difficulty organizing ideas into a coherent big picture, difficulty putting them into writing	This training is here to help you



➤ A step by step approach



➤ Keep in mind that

Scientific writing is highly codified

However, everything is not black and white

Codes can vary between disciplinary fields & journals

→ It is essential to read the recommendations to authors before writing
(+ checklists + style sheets)
(and to check them again before submitting)

Some published articles are nevertheless of poor quality!

Our aim is that you write a good manuscript, not a poor one.



Ready?



First step

