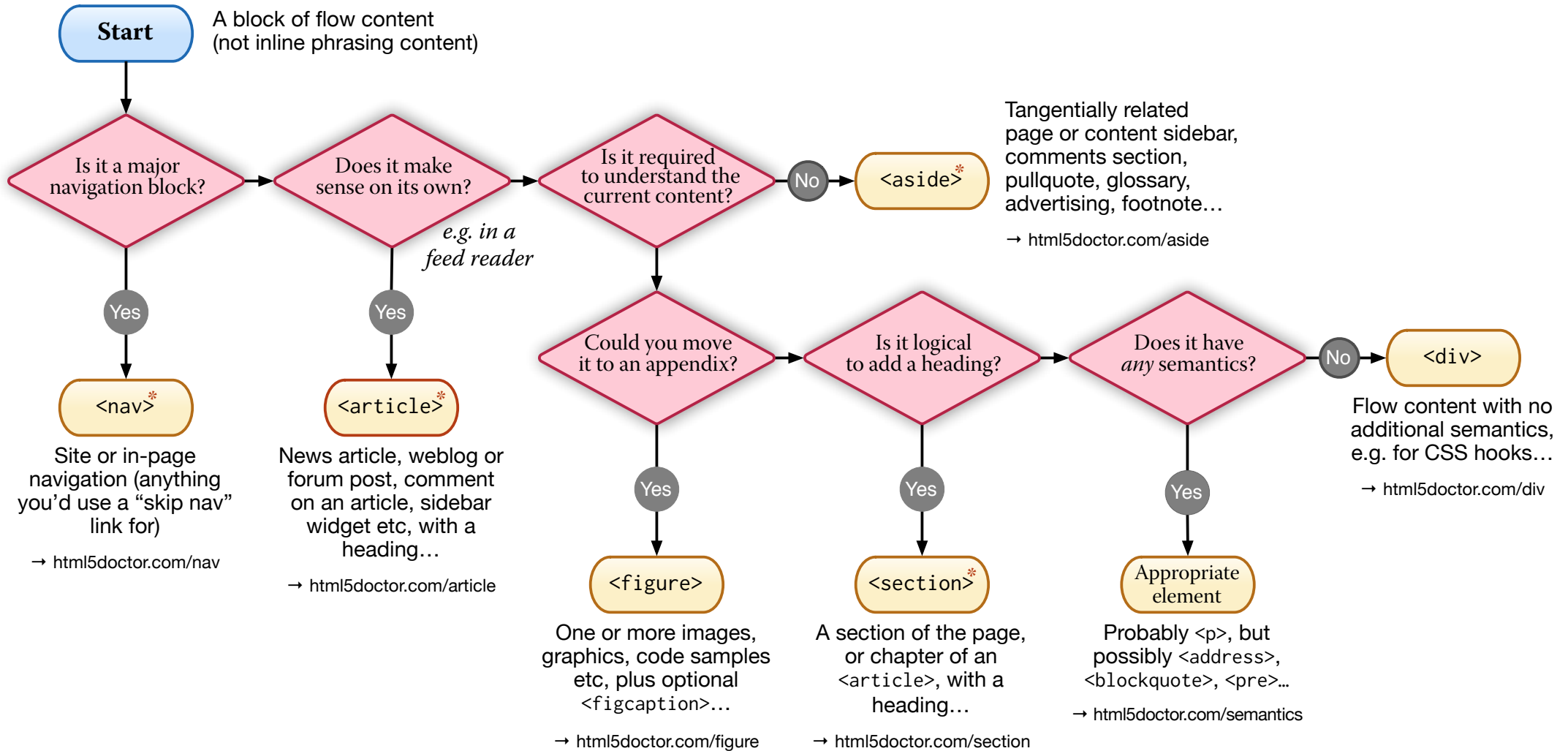# The *Amazing* `<html>`5*doctor*

Easily Confused HTML5 Element Flowchart *of* Enlightenment!

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Start

A block of flow content (not inline phrasing content)

Is it a major navigation block?

— **Does it make sense on its own?** *e.g. in a feed reader*

— **Is it required to understand the current content?** → No → `<aside>`*

Tangentially related page or content sidebar, comments section, pullquote, glossary, advertising, footnote…

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Yes → `<nav>`*

Site or in-page navigation (anything you'd use a "skip nav" link for)

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Yes → `<article>`*

News article, weblog or forum post, comment on an article, sidebar widget etc, with a heading…

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Could you move it to an appendix? — **Is it logical to add a heading?** — **Does it have *any* semantics?** → No → `<div>`

Flow content with no additional semantics, e.g. for CSS hooks…

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Yes → `<figure>`

One or more images, graphics, code samples etc, plus optional `<figcaption>`…

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Yes → `<section>`*

A section of the page, or chapter of an `<article>`, with a heading…

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Yes → Appropriate element

Probably <p>, but possibly <address>, <blockquote>, <pre>…

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* = *Sectioning content element*
These four elements (and their headings) are used by HTML5's outlining algorithm to make the document's outline
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