



- 1 Read the text. Add more information to column 3 of the KWL chart.
Look again at column 2 of the KWL chart in your Student's Book.
Did the text answer all your questions?

Learning to be an ASTRONAUT

Did you know that astronauts sometimes have other jobs first? They can be engineers, science teachers or scientists. Then they have to train to be an astronaut for two years.

The US space programme is in Houston, Texas. There the trainee astronauts study science, Maths, medicine and languages. One important language for working on the International Space Station is Russian because the Control Centre is in Russia. The trainees also practise living without gravity in special machines. They practise in a plane called the Weightless Wonder. The plane goes up and then falls for 20–25 seconds. During this time they experience zero gravity.

The trainees also go underwater in a huge swimming pool to practise walking in space and learn how to move objects in space – objects float away in space just like they do underwater.



Astronauts take public speaking classes because they often have to talk about their work. They learn about the cultures of the other countries that send astronauts to the International Space Station, too! Astronauts also have survival training in case they land in the wrong place when they go back to Earth and rescuers can't find them.

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L = What I learned

- 2 Read the text again and match.

- 1 Astronauts have to train for
 - a in case they land in a wrong place.
 - b two years.
 - c is in Russia.
 - d how to move in space.
- 2 The ISS Control Center
 - a in case they land in a wrong place.
 - b two years.
 - c is in Russia.
 - d how to move in space.
- 3 Being underwater helps astronauts learn
 - a in case they land in a wrong place.
 - b two years.
 - c is in Russia.
 - d how to move in space.
- 4 They do survival training
 - a in case they land in a wrong place.
 - b two years.
 - c is in Russia.
 - d how to move in space.