

TEXT 1

READING

- 3 Read the article and decide if the sentences below are True or False. Put a cross (X) in the correct place in the table.

	TRUE	FALSE
1 Astronauts have ten years of training before they go into space.		
2 Astronauts practise in real space ships.		
3 Working in a swimming pool is a bit like working in space.		
4 All astronauts have to learn Japanese.		
5 The trainee astronaut likes cycling.		
6 Trainee astronauts have to live in many different places.		

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A day in the life of a trainee astronaut

It can take up to two years to train to be an astronaut. After training, some astronauts wait for ten years before they make their first trip into space. So what's life like as a trainee astronaut? Well, we asked one!

'We all learn how to use and take care of the complex equipment we use, so we have many classes. These happen in a classroom, in machines that are a bit like real space ships, and in the swimming pool. The swimming pool is very similar to being in space because you weigh much less in water!

'We also have to have language classes. My first language is Japanese, but I have to learn English and Russian too, so I can talk to the ground crew. I have to be very fit so I exercise for about three hours a day. Many of my colleagues go running together, but I prefer cycling on my own.

'There are training centres in Germany, Russia, Japan and the USA and we spend time at all of them. I hope one day I can make it into space.'

TEXT 2

READING

- 3 Read the article and decide if the sentences below are True or False. Put a cross (X) in the correct place in the table.

	TRUE	FALSE
1 Airline pilots usually do two years of training.		
2 Pilots get paid £100,000 a year.		
3 The pilot prefers flying small planes.		
4 The pilot likes the trip from France to Thailand the best.		
5 The pilot can't speak English.		
6 The pilot doesn't like football.		

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A day in the life of an airline pilot

It usually takes about two years to train to become an airline pilot. It can be expensive too (about £100,000!) because the airlines don't pay for your training – you do! At least the pay is good when you start working! So what's life like as a pilot? Well, we asked one!

'I know how to fly many different aeroplanes now. We train on the small planes, but I enjoy flying the really big ones the most. I fly from France to the USA very often, but my favourite journey is the one from France to Thailand.

'I'm from France, so French is my first language, but I also have to speak English so I can talk to the air control people. I have to be very fit and healthy – we have medical checks every year – so I exercise for about three hours a day if I'm not flying. I love all sorts of sport, especially tennis, but I can't stand football.

'My company has offices in many different countries, but I don't have to live there – my home is still in France.'