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Summarize

Practice

Read the selection below about how astronauts train. Identify the main ideas and supporting details in the indicated paragraphs. Then use the important information you listed to write a summary of the selection in your own words. Print this page and then write your answers.

Although many people dream of becoming an astronaut, it is a challenging process. After all, astronauts must be prepared to live in an entirely different environment!

Astronauts must go through difficult training because just about everything is done differently in space. Astronauts must learn how to walk and work without gravity. They must practice wearing spacesuits. They must even learn how to eat and sleep while weightless.

However, many different machines are available to help astronauts prepare for space travel. Some machines are simulators, or machines that re-create some of the conditions of outer space here on Earth. The 1/6 Gravity Chair simulates the moon's weaker gravity. On the moon, a person weighs one-sixth of what he or she weighs on Earth. In the Multi-Axis Trainer (MAT), astronauts experience what it is like to be in a tumbling spacecraft. The Five Degrees of Freedom (5DF) Chair simulates the challenges of floating weightlessly.

**Part 2 READING:
INFORMATIONAL TEXT**

2.1 Key Ideas and Details

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Main Idea of Paragraph 2:	Main Idea of Paragraph 3:
Supporting Detail 1:	Supporting Detail 1:
Supporting Detail 2:	Supporting Detail 2:
Supporting Detail 3:	Supporting Detail 3:

Summary:
