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# Questions



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2. What was the author's ambition?

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# Answers



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2. What was the author's ambition?

**The author's ambition was to travel into space.**



3. Do you think the astronaut will enjoy her time in space? Explain why.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: Yes because she has always wanted to do it but it is harder than she thought it would be.**



4. Find and copy an example of a metaphor.

**'the wave of nausea was a tsunami'**