

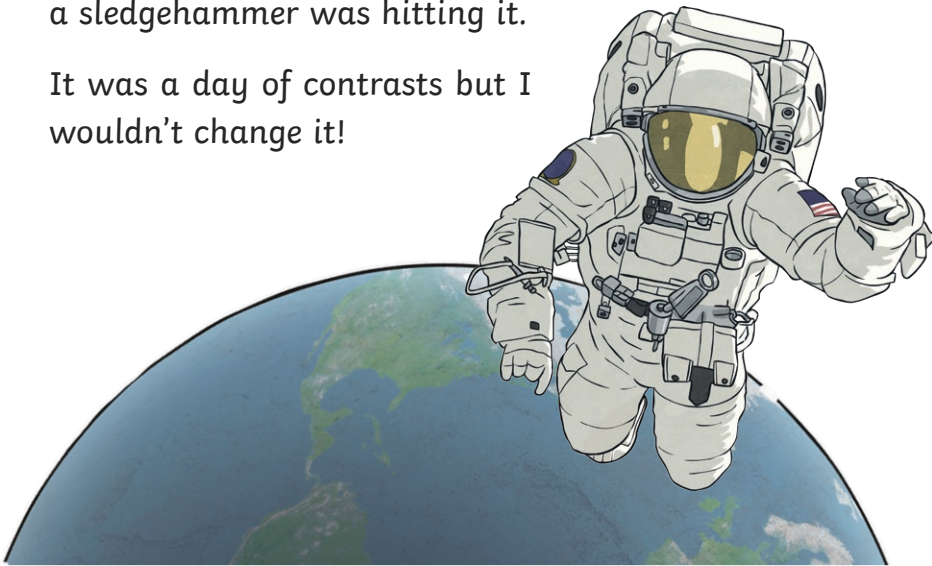
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# Quick Questions



1. Which two words mean the same as 'difficult'?

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2. Find a metaphor within the text.

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

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4. Why does the author say, 'It was a day of contrasts...'? Use the text to support your answer.

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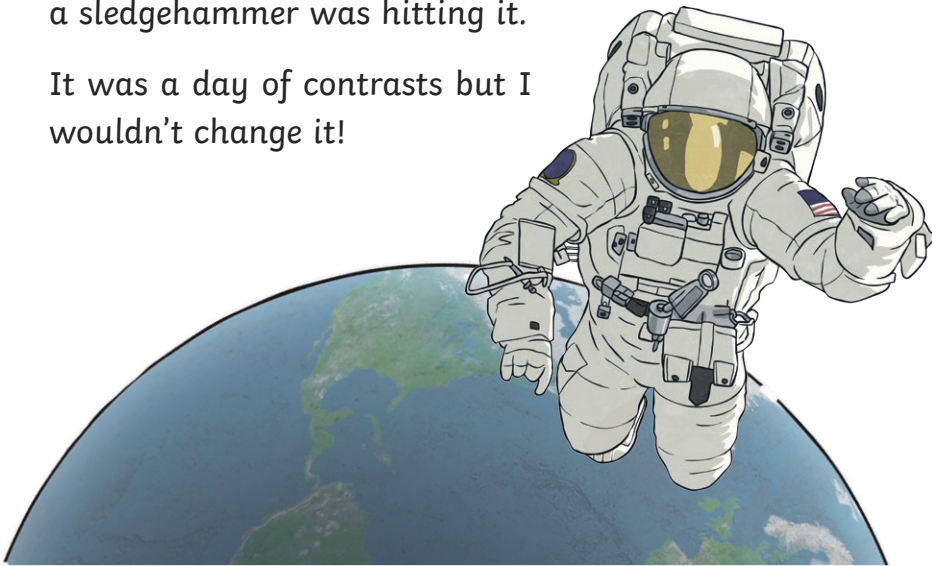
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# Answers



1. Which two words mean the same as 'difficult'?

**Accept: arduous and taxing**



2. Find a metaphor within the text.

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



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

**Accept any reasonable answer that refers to the text, e.g. Yes because she has always wanted to do it but it is harder than she thought it would be.**



4. Why does the author say, 'It was a day of contrasts...'? Use the text to support your answer.

**Accept description of the contrasts of emotions the character has experienced, with reference to the text, e.g. 'feather floating' and 'sledgehammer... hitting' or 'taxing' / 'arduous' and 'exciting'.**