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## Research Skills – Ideas and Vocabulary

Read the text about astronauts.

- Write the main idea of the text in the box below.  
Hint: To find the main idea, look for words that are repeated in the text.
- Underline any subject-specific words and write them in the box below.  
Hint: Subject-specific words are words that are related to the main idea.

### Astronauts

#### Who are astronauts?

Astronauts are a special type of pilot. They are qualified to travel into space in space shuttles. Both men and women can be astronauts, as long as they have completed their training.



#### What do astronauts do?

Astronauts conduct missions into space. While they are in space, they often deploy satellites that orbit Earth. Astronauts must also know how to repair their space craft if something goes wrong during a mission.

#### What equipment do astronauts need?

Astronauts wear highly-protective space suits. These contain oxygen so the astronaut can breathe. Astronauts use heat-resistant safety tethers to stop them floating away. They also use tools built especially for doing repairs in space.

#### What skills do astronauts have?

Astronauts need to have a great amount of knowledge about space. They must be able to cope with zero gravity, which can be very demanding on the body. Astronauts must also be able to work in a team with other people.

Main idea	Subject-specific vocabulary

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## Research Skills – Note Taking

Read each paragraph from the text about astronauts.

- Highlight the key information in each paragraph.  
Hint: Look for key words which inform the reader about the subject.
- Next to each paragraph, write notes about the key information.  
Hint: Dot point notes should be a few words only, not full sentences.

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