

Reading activity 9

My Space Journey

12 Today was the most exciting day of my life! I was finally
21 able to fulfil my ambition of travelling into space.

32 Despite having dreamed of this since I was a young girl,
39 and having completed extensive training, the actual
48 journey was much more arduous and taxing than I'd
50 ever expected.

63 The 4G force pushing on my chest as we took off felt like
74 ten elephants were sitting on me, and the wave of nausea
84 was a tsunami! I managed to distract myself with the
95 view out of the window and suddenly we were in orbit;
106 my body felt like a feather floating gently on the breeze
114 but the pressure in my head felt like
119 a sledgehammer was hitting it.

127 It was a day of contrasts but I
130 wouldn't change it!



Quick Questions



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



2. Find a metaphor within the text.



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



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