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Family Times

Summary

Talk with an Astronaut

Answering questions submitted by students across the country, NASA astronaut Elen Ochoa talks about her experiences, how she decided to be an astronaut, and what it's like to be weightless in space. Ochoa also gives her thoughts about being a mom and an astronaut, as well as the chances of making contact with other beings in space.

Activity

Press Box Pretend you're a reporter for your local paper and interview a family member. First, write down five questions you want to ask. Then ask the person the questions and write down their answers. Give your interview a title when you are finished.



Comprehension Skill

Author's Purpose

An **author's purpose** is the main reason an author writes a selection. An author may write to persuade, to inform, to entertain, or to express ideas and feelings. An author may write with more than one purpose. What the author says and details given help you figure out the author's purpose.

Activity

Why in the World? With members of your family, take turns making up three stories about space exploration and travel. The purpose for each story should be different. Discuss the words that are the same in each kind of story and the words that are different. Are the differences related to the different purposes?