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SPACE SHUTTLE QT WORK!

It is July 8, 2011. **NASA** space shuttle *Atlantis* sits on the **launch pad**. Its **rocket boosters** fire. The ground shakes. A rumble fills the air. Liftoff! *Atlantis* sets off on the final space shuttle **mission** ever.

A large space shuttle is shown in the process of launching, ascending vertically against a blue sky. A massive, bright white plume of fire and smoke trails behind it, extending from the bottom left towards the center. The shuttle is white with a dark nose cone and a large orange external tank. In the background, there are faint, light blue circular patterns and binary code (0s and 1s) overlaid on the sky. A red rounded rectangular box contains the text 'space shuttle Atlantis'.

space shuttle
Atlantis

LIFTOFF!

All space shuttle flights took off at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida.



WHAT WAS A SPACE SHUTTLE?

Early **spacecraft** could be used just once. Most crashed into the ocean after a flight. But space shuttles were **reusable**. They had wings like airplanes. They could also land safely on runways.

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