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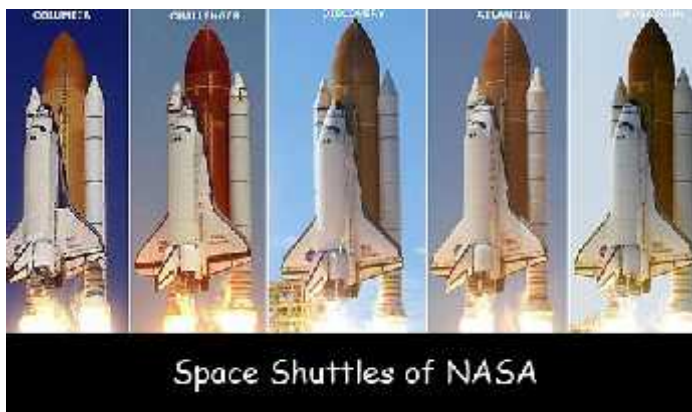
The Space Shuttle was a spacecraft which was used by the American National Aeronautics and Space Administration, or NASA. Space Shuttles were used to carry astronauts and supplies into space.

The space shuttle fleet has been made up of: Columbia, Challenger, Discovery, Atlantis and Endeavor. The space shuttle is 184 feet long. The main engine on the space shuttle weighs as much as a train. Space Shuttle Columbia was the first ship in the NASA fleet. It completed 27 missions. Crews range in size from five to seven people. Over 600 crew members have flown on shuttle missions. It has also sent more than 3,000,000 pounds of supplies into space. The longest any shuttle has stayed in orbit is 17.5 days in November 1996.

A Space Shuttle and its boosters ready for launch are the same height as the Statue of Liberty. The shuttle launches like a rocket and lands like a plane. The space shuttle is launched from Florida. Once the shuttle is in space, the astronauts talk to NASA in Houston, Texas.

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