

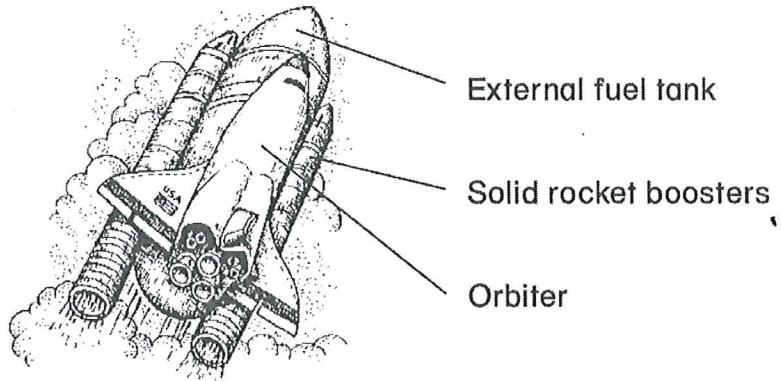
# Graphic Sources

- **Graphic sources** are sources of information such as **maps, charts, diagrams, illustrations, and photos.**
- **Graphic sources** help us better understand the text we read.

**Directions** Read the following passage and look at the graphic sources. Then answer the questions.

<p><b>4</b>-3-2-1 ... BLASTOFF! The United States has sent many rockets, satellites, and space shuttles into space as part of its space program. One of the biggest challenges for all these vehicles is escaping the pull of Earth's gravity. It takes rocket fuel and oxygen to launch a vehicle away from Earth and through</p>	<p>Earth's atmosphere. At the moment of a shuttle launch, the solid rocket boosters lift the shuttle off the launch pad. About 28 miles above Earth, the boosters separate from the shuttle. From there, the main engines of the shuttle use fuel in the large external tank to get beyond Earth's atmosphere and into space.</p>
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The space shuttle has three main sections. Two of the three parts shown here contain fuel to propel the astronauts beyond Earth's atmosphere.



1. What is this article about? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why did the author include a diagram in the article? \_\_\_\_\_

3. How many main sections does the space shuttle have? \_\_\_\_\_



**Home Activity** Your child used a graphic source to better understand information in an article. Find another article that has a map, illustration, diagram or chart. Help your child use the graphic source to understand facts about the topic.