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SPACE SHUTTLES

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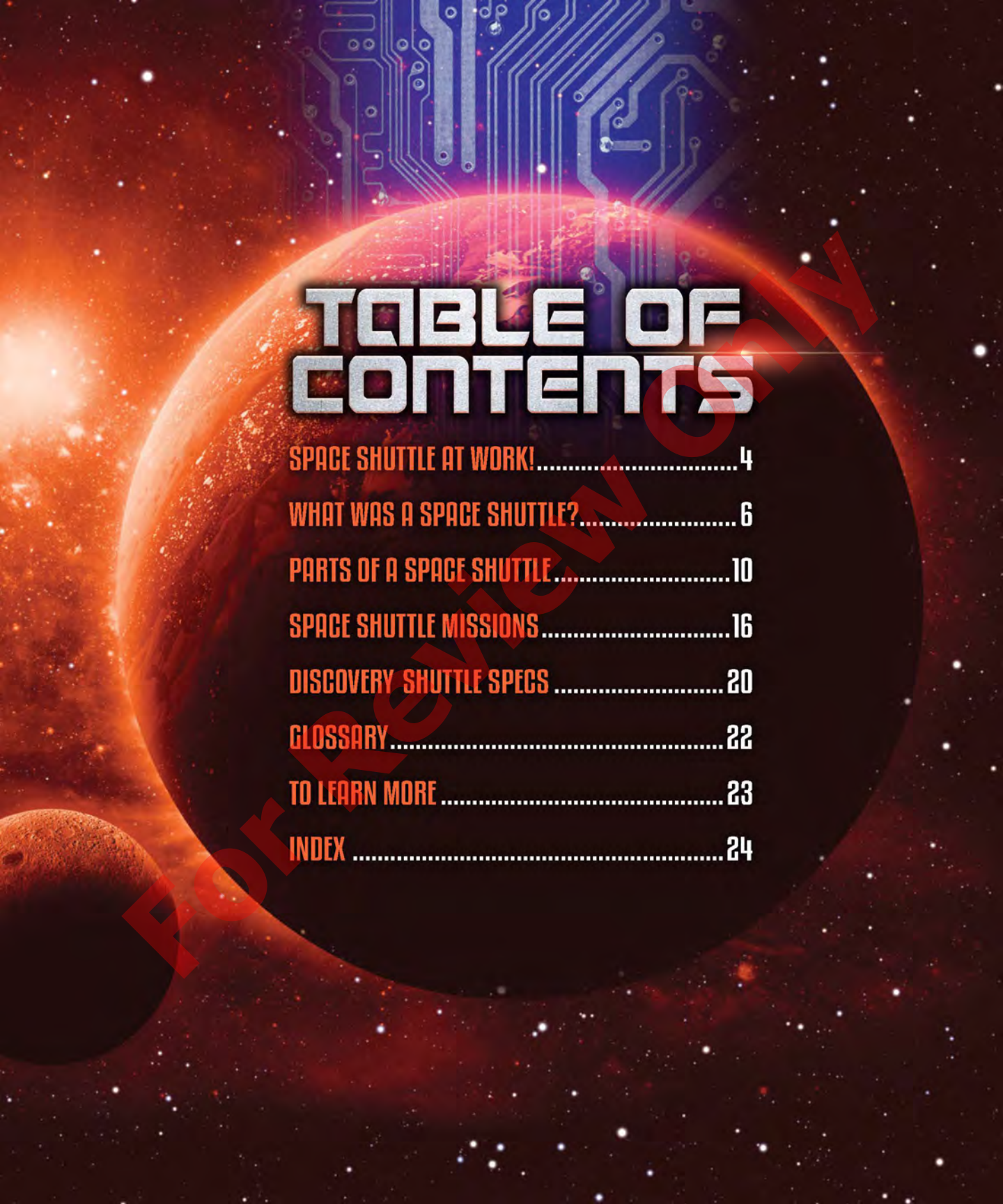


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SPACE SHUTTLE AT WORK!

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.

The background of the entire page is a photograph of the Space Shuttle Atlantis during its ascent. The shuttle is angled upwards, with a massive, bright white and yellow plume of fire and smoke trailing behind it. The sky is a clear blue. In the upper right, there are faint, stylized blue circular patterns resembling radar or targeting systems. A large, semi-transparent red watermark with the word "Review" and a circular arrow icon is oriented diagonally across the center of the page.

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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Space shuttles let humans explore space like never before. The reusable shuttles allowed NASA to fly more missions. They could also stay in **orbit** longer than other spacecraft. This gave **astronauts** more time to do their jobs.

ALL IN A NAME!

NASA space shuttles were named after famous ships.

