

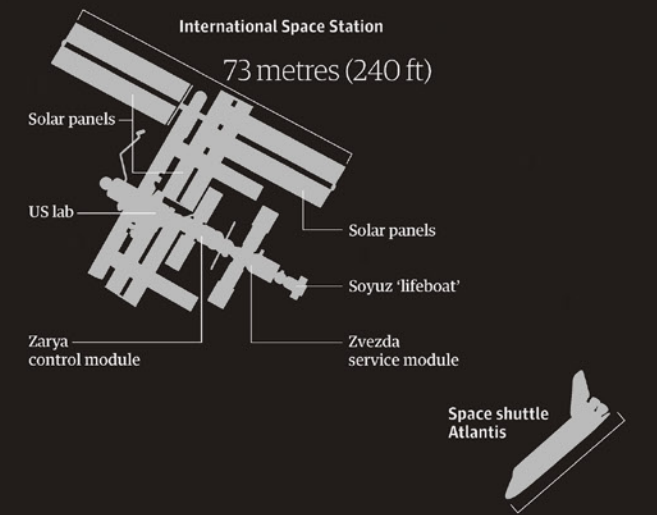
This double-page graphic was published in the Eyewitness section of the British newspaper the *Guardian*. It was later awarded a gold medal at the 2007 Malofiej Infographics Awards. As some question whether this piece is truly an infographic, the

honor caused controversy. There sits a large photograph of the Sun and, in front of it, barely larger than two specks, the International Space Station; to its right, the even tinier space shuttle *Atlantis* with a simple explanatory diagram added in the lower

right corner. What better way to indicate the different sizes of the three elements? This visualization is a magnificent example of the reach of infographics and serves as proof that a discipline should never be limited to clichés or standard devices.



**A place in the sun**  
This spectacular image, taken earlier this month, shows the International Space Station and the space shuttle *Atlantis* in front of the sun. It was taken by a French photographer from Marnes in Normandy. *Atlantis* and its crew completed its 12-day mission last week Photograph: Thierry Legault/ESA



Sun 864,000 miles across

37.25 metres (122ft)