



Quick Check

Basketball

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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Why did Dr. James Naismith invent basketball?
 - Ⓐ because he was a big fan of Michael Jordan
 - Ⓑ because his students were bored with playing baseball
 - Ⓒ because he wanted his students to play a sport that required jumping high
 - Ⓓ because he wanted a sport his students could play during winter
2. Which of the following sentences from the book is an opinion about basketball?
 - Ⓐ *Two teams of five players play a game of basketball.*
 - Ⓑ *In the United States, there are professional and amateur players of all different ages.*
 - Ⓒ *Professional basketball is full of some of the most exciting people in sports.*
 - Ⓓ *Teams change between being offense or defense as the ball moves quickly back and forth down the court.*
3. How did George Mikan impact basketball?
 - Ⓐ He was the first of the "big men" who changed basketball into a sport for tall players.
 - Ⓑ He was the first player to win an Olympic gold medal for the United States in basketball.
 - Ⓒ He played alongside LeBron James and Magic Johnson in the NBA.
 - Ⓓ He was the most successful coach of all time in college basketball.
4. What are the two ways to move the ball down the court in basketball?
 - Ⓐ running and shooting
 - Ⓑ dribbling and passing
 - Ⓒ blocking and jumping
 - Ⓓ stealing and breaking

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5. Which word means the opposite of **professional**?

- Ⓐ amateur
- Ⓑ defense
- Ⓒ pastime
- Ⓓ court

6. **Extended Response:** Do you think it is more important for a basketball player to be tall or fast? Why do you think that?



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1. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓒ *Fact or Opinion*
3. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
6. Answers will vary, but student should use details from the book about the game of basketball to support his/her answer.