

Vocabularies: Basketball

The court

| Word | Explanation |
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| basket | the thing you throw the ball into. To make a basket usually gets two points |
| backcourt | that part of the court with the basket that you are defending |
| baseline | the lines at the ends of the court below the baskets |
| key | the area under each basket marked by the rectangle on the floor. The offensive players may only be in that area for three seconds, unless the ball is shot |
| court | the whole playing area of the game. |
| front court | the area of the court where you try to make baskets |
| sideline | the lines on the side, between the two baselines |

The team:

| Word | |
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| center | one of the three different positions in a team. Normally a taller player, that stands around the basket to get the rebounds |
| guard | one of the three different positions in a team. These players are usually smaller and very capable of dribbling and shooting from the outside |
| forward | one of the three different positions in a team. These players are usually big enough to get rebounds and also have the ability to dribble and shoot from the outside |

The game:

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| assist | A pass that directly helps a player to score a basket |
| block out | to put your body between an opposite player and the ball |
| layup | a type of shot, where the player dribbles to the basket and without stopping shoots the ball (normally from left, right or front) |
| man-to-man | the type of defense where one person plays defense against one opposing player. Normally, the center player is defending centers, guards defending guards and forwards defending forwards |
| pass | throwing the ball to another player. there are a variety of passes. |

| Word | |
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| pivot | to hold onto the ball and move around, legally, keeping one foot in the spot. |
| shoot | throw the ball to the basket |
| rebound | to grasp and control a missed shot |
| steal | to intercept a pass or take the ball away from an opposing dribbler |
| three point shot | a shot taken from outside the three point line, and it counts three points. |
| three second violation | an offensive player stays in the key for more than three seconds |
| traveling | when a player walks with the ball more than two steps |
| turnover | when the player loses the ball to the other team |
| zone | a type of defense, where each player is not defending a particular player from the other team. the player covers a certain zone and plays against the player, that enters this zone |