

# The Court

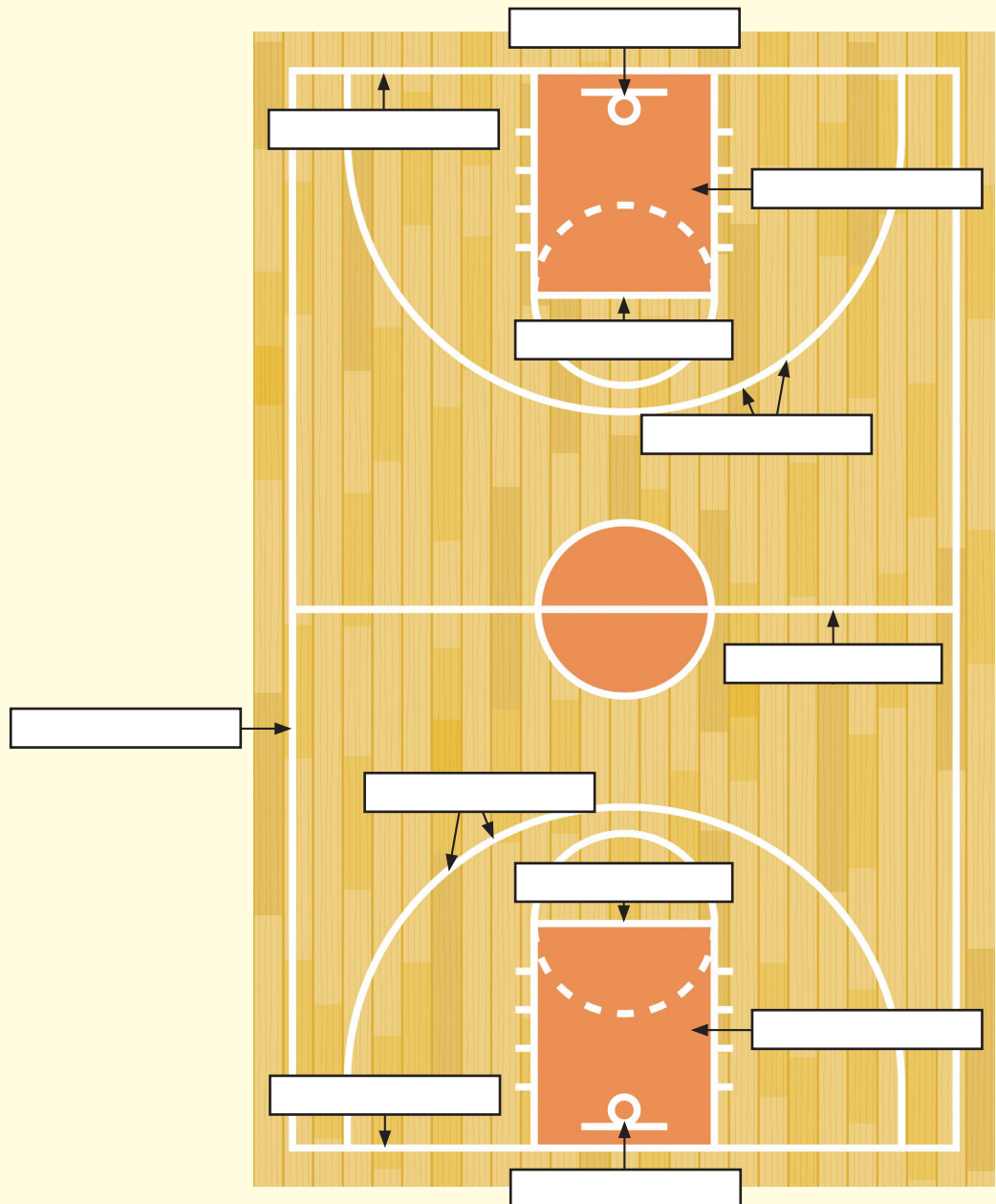
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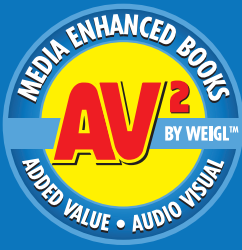
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Fill in the blanks in this diagram of a basketball court.

- a. Free-throw lane
- b. Mid-court line
- c. Three-point line
- d. Baseline
- e. Basket
- f. Sideline
- g. Free-throw line





# True or False

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Using the information in *Basketball*, verify whether the following information is true or false. Check your answers in the book. List the page number where you found your information beside your answer.

Statement 1

There are three positions on a basketball team. The center is the tallest player on the team.

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True

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False

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Statement 2

Once the player touches the ball with both hands, he or she can continue dribbling.

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True

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False

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Statement 3

Players wear numbered jerseys. These shirts often have sleeves.

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True

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False

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Statement 4

Basketball is played by two teams of five.

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True

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False

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Statement 5

Michael Jordan led the NBA in scoring eight times and was named Most Valuable Player (MVP) five times.

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True

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False

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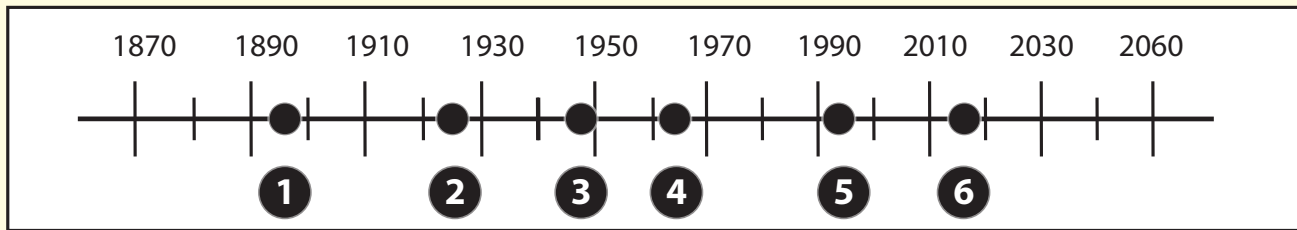
# Timeline

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Number the events below in the order they should appear on the timeline. Write the number in the box beside each event. Check your answers with page 17 of the book.



Wilt Chamberlain is the first player to score 100 points in a single game.

The National Basketball Association is created. The league starts with 17 teams. The teams are integrated, meaning that players of all races are able to be on the same team.

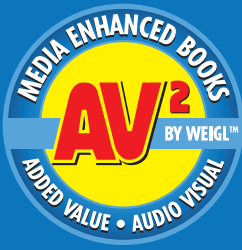
A "Dream Team" of professional basketball players are assembled to represent the United States. The team wins the gold medal in basketball.

The first professional basketball game is played. Each player receives \$15 to \$16 to play.

The game continues to change. The modern game features a slower pace than games played in the 1960s and 1970s, but players are making more of their shots, and teams are shooting more three-pointers than ever before.

The first professional basketball league, the American Basketball League, is created. It organizes different teams from all over the country to play each other.





# Fill in the Blanks

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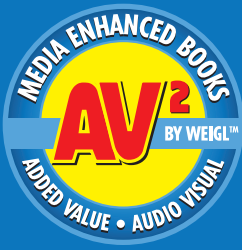
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Use the information found in *Basketball* to help you complete the following activity.

1. Basketball is a fast  of running and jumping.
2. College and university basketball teams are great places to get experience and get noticed by the .
3. The first modern basketball game was played in 1892 in .
4.  help with strength and jumping.
5. It is important to  before and after playing a sport.
6.  are shots where the player jumps above the net and drives the ball into the basket.





# Know Your Numbers

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Complete the statements by entering the correct number in the box.

The New York Knicks played their first game in Madison Square Garden in this year.

**17**

Kevin Garnett and Robert Parish are tied for the most seasons played in the NBA. They both played this many seasons.

**82**

The Celtics have won this many NBA Championships.

**1956**

Professional basketball players play this many games each season to make the playoffs.

**1946**

The first NBA Most Valuable Player Award went to Bob Pettit in this year.

**21**





# Key Words Match-Up

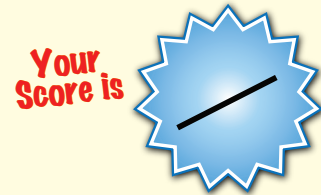
Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word.

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## KEY WORDS

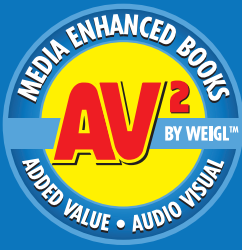
foul	free throws	contact sport
three-point line	rookie	possession
scouted	throw-in	
fiberglass	jump ball	
backboard	dribble	



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- bounce the ball off the floor with one hand at a time
- control of the ball by a player or team
- shots that a fouled player takes from the foul line, and which no one can try to block
- the rectangular board on which the basket is attached
- being noticed by representatives of stronger sports teams
- a sport where physical contact between players, such as tackling and checking, is allowed
- a penalty for illegal contact
- the large half-circle drawn toward the outside of the basket
- putting the ball back in play from out of bounds
- when the referee tosses the ball straight up between two opposing players, and the players try to knock the ball to their teammates
- a player in his or her first year
- a material made of very fine strands of glass





# Quiz

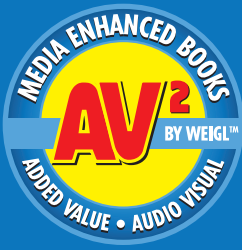
Test your knowledge by answering these quiz questions.

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- 1 Who invented basketball?
- 2 How does a team win?
- 3 How many basketballs are usually used during one NBA game?
- 4 Why don't players wear padding?
- 5 What is the backboard made of?
- 6 On what surface do people play basketball?
- 7 What is the name of the oldest NBA arena?
- 8 Who was the first player to score 100 points in a single game?
- 9 When was the "Dream Team" formed?
- 10 How many NBA Championships did Michael Jordan win?





# Quiz Answer Key

Compare your quiz answers with the answer key below.

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- 1 Dr. James Naismith
- 2 A team needs to score more points than its opponent
- 3 3
- 4 The game does not involve contact
- 5 Wood, fiberglass, or graphite
- 6 A court
- 7 Madison Square Garden
- 8 Wilt Chamberlain
- 9 1992
- 10 6



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