



Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the articles below and correct the **eight spelling errors** you find. The first one is done for you.

BASKETBALL

How many basketballs can you find on this page in two minutes? Now have a friend try. Who found more?

Replace the missing words.

- BOUNCE PEOPLE INVENTED OPEN HANDS THROUGH BALL JUMPED GYM GAME TEACHER

An Ancient Game

Long, long ago, around 1400 B.C., the _____ of Mexico played a game in which they moved a ball down a long narrow court and with the goal of getting it _____ a stone hoop. Only players didn't pass the ball with their _____, they sometimes used their hips!

and had students _____ a soccer ball up and down the _____ and try to shoot it into the peach baskets.

Snowy Day Game

Why is basketball called basketball? Because the modern game was started in 1891 by James Naismith, a P.E. _____ in Springfield, Massachusetts with a _____ and a couple of peach baskets. He was looking for a _____ his students could play indoors on cold winter days. When he couldn't find a game that was active enough, he _____ one.

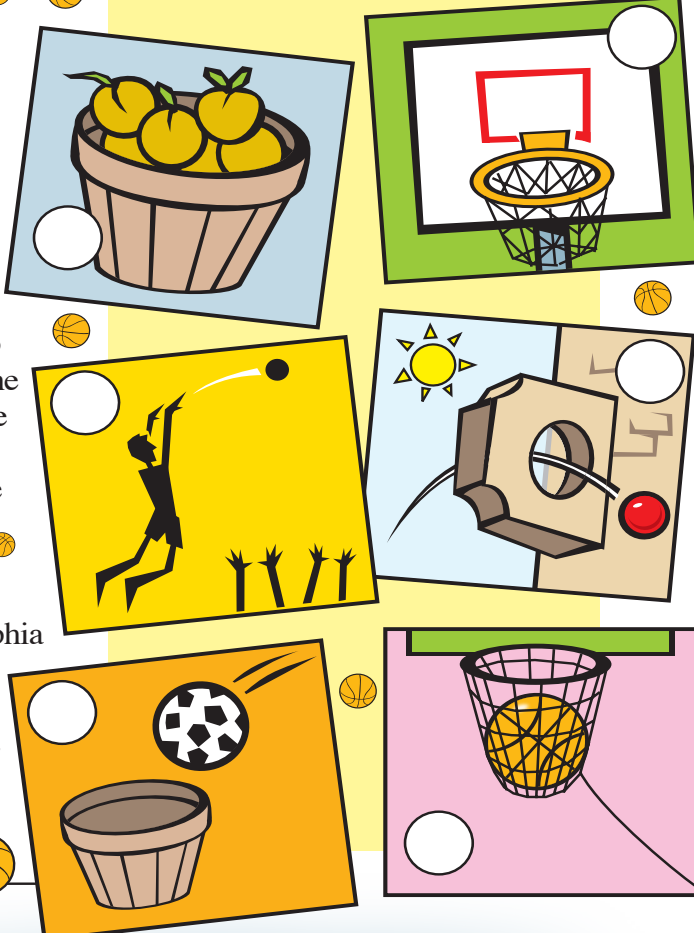
Metal Hoops

In 1893, metal hoops with net bags replaced the peach baskets. Officials pulled a cord attached to the net to _____ the bottom of the net to release the ball. In 1894, the first backboard appeared. Baskets with nets open at the bottom were introduced around 1913.

Cool New Shot

Joe Fulks played for the Philadelphia Warriors from 1946 to 1954. To shoot, he _____ up and released the ball at the peak of his jump. This became known as the **jump shot**, still used by most players to this day.

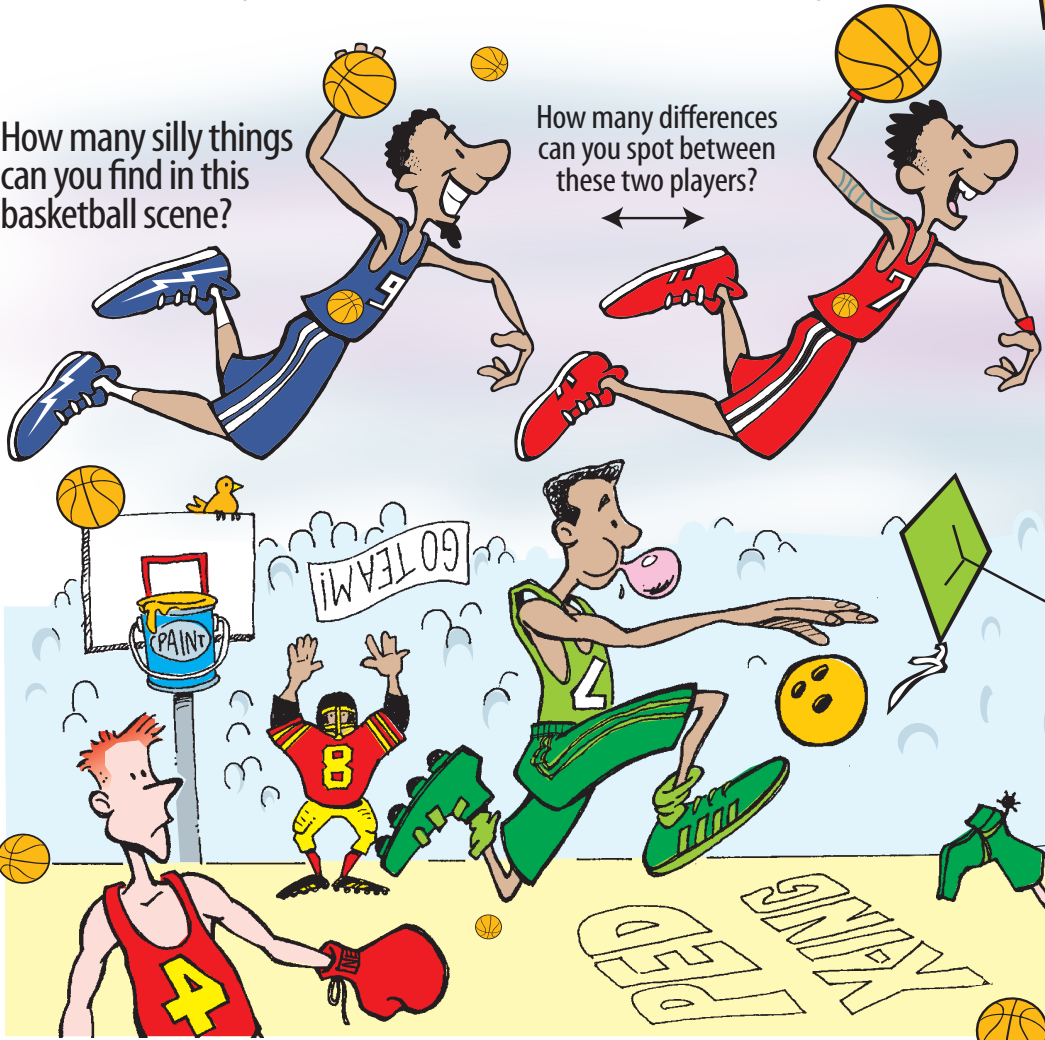
Read the history of basketball. Then number these pictures in the correct order.



Peach Basket Game

Naismith hung a peach basket from each end of the gymnasium

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to determine the meaning of words.



How many silly things can you find in this basketball scene?

How many differences can you spot between these two players?

Who wears short shorts?

Basketball shorts were very short until 1984, when a future superstar began wearing longer length shorts. Circle every other letter to reveal his name.

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Extra! Extra! Sports Page Action!

Sports writers use lots of action verbs to recreate the excitement of a game. Look through today's newspaper and circle 10 or more action verbs.

Standards Link: Writing: Identify verbs.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Unscramble the basketball words.

Then write each numbered letter in the correct box to reveal the answer to the basketball question.

- COKBAARDB
 BIRLDEB
 RESCO
 ETMOTUI
 EREF WROTH
 KDNU

Every year, the top 68 college basketball teams compete in a nationwide tournament to find out which team is the very best. What is this tournament called?

Double Double Word Search

- BASKETBALL
 TEACHER
 ANCIENT
 HISTORY
 BASKET
 WINTER
 COUPLE
 SPORTS
 PEACH
 COURT
 HOOPS
 METAL
 GAME
 NETS
 GYM

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

G L A R E T N I W H
 S A N C I E N T M I
 P T E S T T R E A S
 O E R S T U E K D T
 R M H O O P S S G O
 T E A C H E R A I R
 S N E G A Y M B H Y
 L L A B T E K S A B
 T G Y M E L P U O C

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Standards Link: Writing: Edit text to check for correct spelling and grammar.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **ANCIENT**

The adjective **ancient** means of or relating to a long time ago.

The **ancient** castle showed signs of decay.

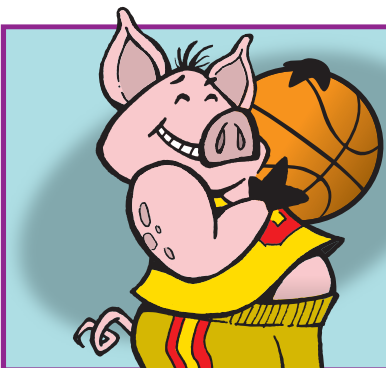
Use the word **ancient** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Teamwork Works!

Have students work in pairs to select articles or pictures in the newspaper that demonstrate cooperation and teamwork. Explain how these skills help in a school and/or family situation.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



Why is it no fun to play basketball with a pig?

ANSWER: Because they always hog the ball.

Write On!

SPORTS REPORT

What is your favorite sport or exercise? Write a paragraph describing it and why you like it.



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