

BASKETBALL

SCAVENGER HUNT





TEACHER'S INSTRUCTIONS



WHAT YOU NEED

- At least one basketball hoop
- 5-10 basketballs (one per child is best but they can be shared)
- Pens or pencils
- 1 printed copy of each Basketball Station Card
- 1 printed Basketball Scavenger Hunt Worksheet per student or team



HOW TO PLAY

1. Print out one copy of the Basketball Station Cards on the following pages. Each of these stations contains an important event in basketball history AND a basketball skills challenge that your students must complete.
2. Laminate the station cards and place them in different locations around your gym or basketball court. You can simply tape them to the wall, or make it more challenging by hiding them behind equipment, under desks, or behind doors. Make sure the stations are spread out evenly in your space. You do NOT want all the kids congregating together in one spot. Remember - this is a HUNT!
3. Students can perform this activity in small teams or individually. Each team or individual will need one copy of the Basketball Scavenger Hunt Worksheet. This worksheet includes a trivia question and a skills challenge for each station.
4. Set up any required equipment in one area of the gym where students can retrieve it as needed.
5. The object of the game is to find all the stations, complete the skills challenges, and answer the trivia questions on the worksheet.



WAY TO ADD INTRIGUE...

Make it a silent hunt! Before students begin, announce that no one is allowed to speak. Any communicating between partners or among teams must be in writing or with hand motions and lip reading.



STUDENT WORKSHEET

INSTRUCTIONS: Find each of the below stations. Answer the trivia question, then complete and check off the Basketball Skills Challenge. **Complete all 10 stations to finish the scavenger hunt.**

1891 - The person who invented basketball

1893 - The first
 basketball game was played

1895 - Backboards prevented
 from touching the ball

1936 - Basketball was introduced at the Olympics in

1962 - He scored 100 points in a single game

1988 - Michael Jordan dunked from the
 line

1992 - The Dream Team's average margin of victory

2003 - He was picked 1st overall in the NBA Draft

2006 - He scored 81 points in a single game

2016 - This team won 73 of 82 games



TEACHER'S ANSWER SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS: Below you'll find the answers to the trivia questions and the required skills challenges for each Station.

1891 - The person who invented basketball
JAMES NAISMITH

1893 - The first **WOMEN'S** basketball game was played

1895 - Backboards prevented **FANS** from touching the ball

1936 - Basketball was introduced at the Olympics in **BERLIN**

1962 - He scored 100 points in a single game
WILT CHAMBERLAIN

1988 - Michael Jordan dunked from the **FREE THROW** line

1992 - The Dream Team's average margin of victory
44 POINTS

2003 - He was picked 1st overall in the NBA Draft
LEBRON JAMES

2006 - He scored 81 points in a single game
KOBE BRYANT

2016 - This team won 73 of 82 games
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS

STATIONS:
PEACH BASKET: 5 baskets with a soccer ball
SPEED DRIBBLE: 1 full lap without losing control
BANK SHOT: 5 baskets using the backboard
GOLD MEDAL GAME: Play 1 on 1 up to 2
3 POINT SHOOTOUT: Attempt 10 three-pointers
JORDAN JUMP: Running long jump from free throw line
100 DRIBBLES: Alternate right and left hand
81 CLAPS: Throw ball in the air and clap before catching
DREAM TEAM: Make 5 passes and score
REBOUND MACHINE: Grab 10 rebounds

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1891

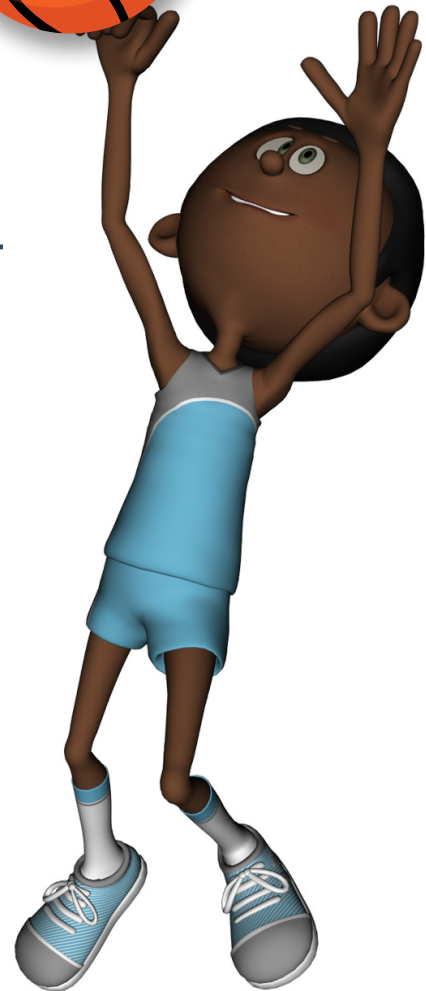
Dr. James Naismith, a PE teacher in Springfield, Massachusetts, invented the sport of basketball. He attached peach baskets to balcony railings above the gym. And his students played using soccer balls!

PEACH BASKET SHOT

INSTRUCTIONS: Pretend you are one of Dr. Naismith's students!

Grab a ball and shoot it into the closest hoop.

Score 5 shots to complete this challenge!



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1893

The first women's basketball game was played at Smith College between the freshmen and sophomores. All doors were locked and no men were allowed to watch!

SPEED DRIBBLE

INSTRUCTIONS: Grab a basketball and dribble around the edge of the court as fast as you can.

Complete the challenge by doing one full lap without losing control of the ball!



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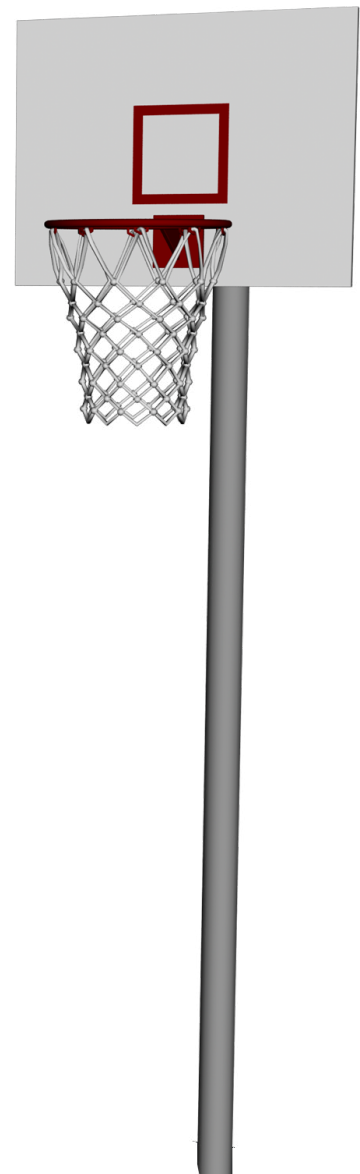
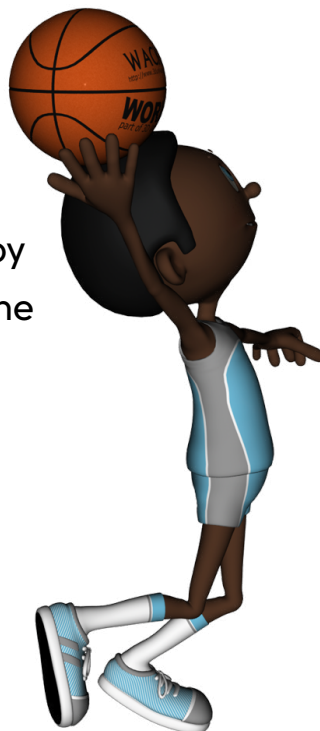
1895

The first basketball backboards were created using chicken wire and wood. But they were not meant to help the players! Instead, they prevented fans seated in the balcony area from touching the ball.

BANK SHOT

INSTRUCTIONS: Good basketball players know how to use the backboard to “bank” the ball in.

Complete the challenge by making 5 baskets, using the backboard each time!



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1936

Basketball was introduced to the world at the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games. In the championship game, the United States beat Canada 19-8, playing on a converted tennis court made of clay and sand!

GOLD MEDAL GAME

INSTRUCTIONS: Find a friend and play against them in the Olympic gold medal game! First player to score 2 baskets wins!



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1962

Wilt Chamberlain of the Philadelphia Warriors set a record by scoring 100 points in a single game!

100 DRIBBLES

INSTRUCTIONS: Grab a ball and dribble it 100 times to complete this challenge!

Try alternating between your right hand and left hand.



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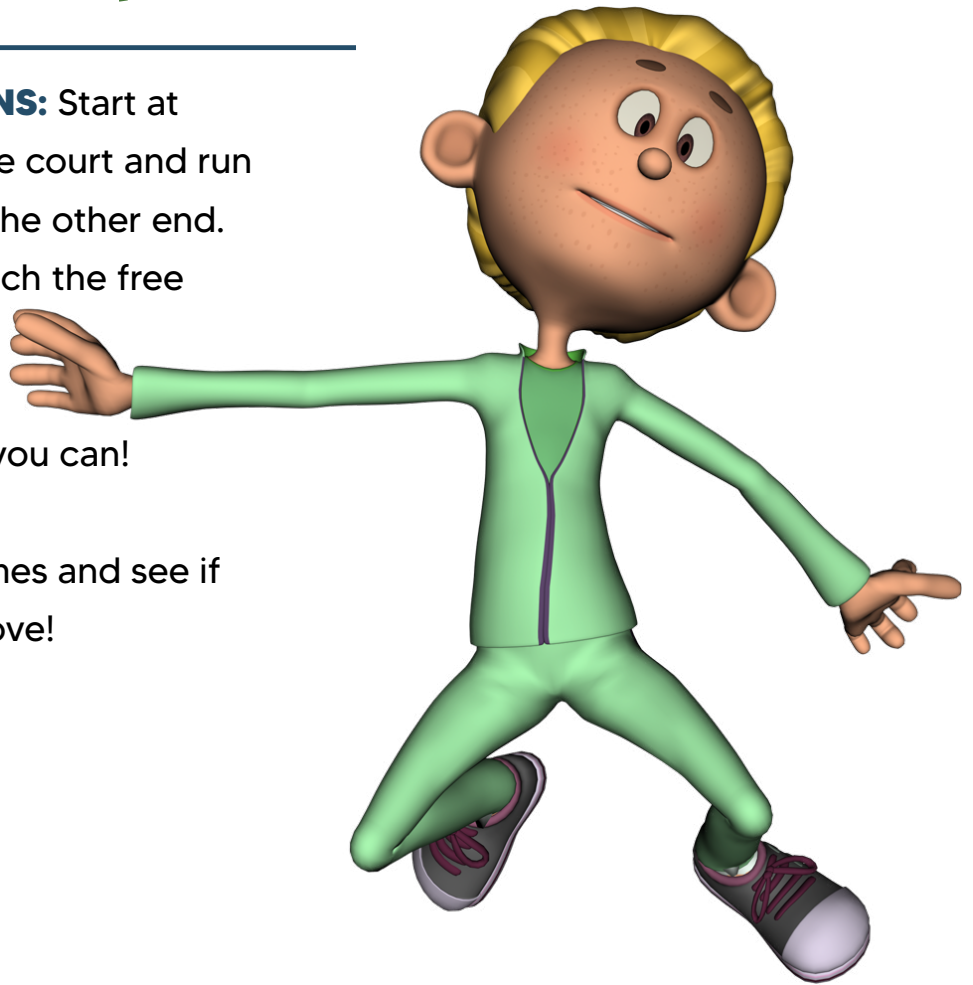
1988

Michael Jordan beat Dominique Wilkins in the NBA Slam Dunk Contest. For his final dunk, Jordan took off from the free throw line and slammed the ball through the hoop, earning a perfect score of 50.

JORDAN JUMP

INSTRUCTIONS: Start at one end of the court and run full speed to the other end. When you reach the free throw line, jump as high and as far as you can!

Try it three times and see if you can improve!



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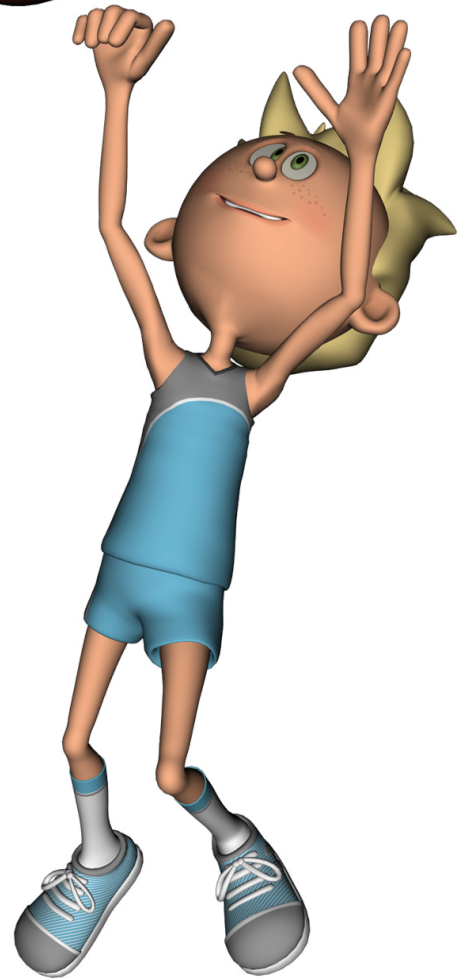


1992

For the first time, NBA players were allowed to play in the Olympics. The USA put together a "Dream Team" featuring Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Charles Barkley and Larry Bird. The team won the gold medal with an average margin of victory of 44 points!

DREAM TEAM

INSTRUCTIONS: Find some friends and create your own "Dream Team." Pass the ball around 5 times, then pick one player to take the shot! If the shot goes in, you've completed the challenge. If not, start over and try again!



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2003

A high schooler from Akron, Ohio was selected as the first overall pick in the 2003 NBA Draft. LeBron James went on to become one of the greatest players in basketball history, winning championships with the Cavaliers, Heat and Lakers.

REBOUND MACHINE

INSTRUCTIONS: LeBron James is known as a great all-around player. Not just a scorer, and passer, but also a great rebounder!

To complete this challenge, grab 10 rebounds! Throw the ball softly off the backboard, jump as high as you can and snatch it out of the air!



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2006

Kobe Bryant scored a career-high 81 points in a game against the Toronto Raptors, the second highest point total in NBA history!



81 CLAPS

INSTRUCTIONS: Grab a ball and find some empty space. Throw the ball up in the air and see how many times you can clap before it comes back down and you catch it.

Keep going until you reach 81 total claps!



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2016

The Golden State Warriors, led by Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson, set an NBA record by winning 73 of 82 games. However, they were stunned in the NBA Finals, losing to LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers.

3-POINT SHOOTOUT

INSTRUCTIONS: Stand outside the 3-point line and take 10 shots. Can you make any? (they're hard!)

