

Basketball Knowledge Challenge

Basketball · Answer Key · 24 Questions

1. What year was basketball invented?

- A) 1891**
- B) 1905
- C) 1922
- D) 1888

2. Who is credited with inventing basketball?

- A) James Naismith**
- B) Phog Allen
- C) Nate Archibald
- D) Gene Hackman

3. What was the original material used for basketball hoops?

- A) Peach baskets**
- B) Metal rims
- C) Woven nets
- D) Wooden frames

4. In standard basketball, how many players are on the court for one team at a time?

- A) 5**
- B) 3
- C) 7
- D) 11

5. What is the diameter of a standard basketball rim?

- A) 18 inches**
- B) 24 inches
- C) 12 inches
- D) 30 inches

6. What is the official height of a basketball hoop from the court floor?

- A) 10 feet**
- B) 9 feet
- C) 12 feet
- D) 8 feet

7. What is the name of the most popular professional basketball league in the United States and Canada?

- A) NBA**
- B) WNBA
- C) ABA
- D) NCAA

8. What is a 'slam dunk' in basketball?

- A) A shot thrown forcefully through the hoop from above**
- B) A long-range shot from behind the three-point line
- C) A defensive play to block a shot
- D) A pass that leads directly to a score

9. How many points is a standard field goal worth in basketball?

- A) 2 points**
- B) 1 point
- C) 3 points
- D) 4 points

10. What are the boundary lines of a basketball court called?

- A) Sidelines and baselines**
- B) End zones
- C) Touchlines
- D) Goal lines

11. What is the term for when a player illegally moves their pivot foot while holding the ball?

- A) Traveling**
- B) Double dribble
- C) Carrying
- D) Charging

12. What is the name of the fictional basketball team Michael Jordan played for in the movie 'Space Jam'?

- A) Looney Tunes
- B) Monstars
- C) Tune Squad**
- D) Goon Squad

13. In basketball, what is a 'rebound'?

A) Gaining possession of the ball after a missed shot

- B) A successful pass between two players
- C) A shot made from beyond the three-point line
- D) A defensive block

14. Which country is famous for the sport of basketball, having invented it?

A) United States

- B) Canada
- C) France
- D) Spain

15. What is the maximum number of seconds a player can hold the ball without dribbling or passing (in most professional leagues)?

A) 5 seconds

- B) 3 seconds
- C) 10 seconds
- D) 8 seconds

16. What is the primary purpose of the backboard in basketball?

A) To help players aim their shots

- B) To block opposing shots
- C) To provide a surface for rebounds
- D) To hang the net

17. What is a 'turnover' in basketball?

A) When a team loses possession of the ball to the opponent

- B) When a player scores a basket
- C) When a player commits a foul
- D) When a team calls a timeout

18. Which of these is NOT a position in basketball?

A) Quarterback

- B) Point Guard
- C) Center
- D) Forward

19. What is the maximum number of players allowed on the court for a team during a game?

A) 5

B) 6

C) 7

D) 4

20. What is the name of the international governing body for basketball?

A) FIBA

B) NBA

C) NCAA

D) WNBA

21. How many points is a free throw worth?

A) 1 point

B) 2 points

C) 3 points

D) 0 points

22. What is the term for when a player shoots the ball and it goes in without touching the rim or backboard?

A) Swish

B) Bank shot

C) Alley-oop

D) Dunk

23. In a standard game, how long is a quarter in professional basketball (NBA)?

A) 12 minutes

B) 10 minutes

C) 15 minutes

D) 8 minutes

24. What is the name of the line that separates the two halves of the basketball court?

A) Half-court line

B) Center line

C) Midfield line

D) Boundary line