

Basketball's Natural Connections

Basketball · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. The original basketballs were made from what natural material, inspired by the bouncing properties of an acorn?

- A) Hemp fibers
- B) Dried gourds**
- C) Vulcanized rubber
- D) Animal hides

2. Which animal's leap height is sometimes compared metaphorically to a great basketball player's vertical jump, though the player's is significantly less?

- A) Tiger
- B) Kangaroo
- C) Grasshopper**
- D) Frog

3. The orange color of a standard basketball is said to have been influenced by the color of what common fruit?

- A) Apple
- B) Orange**
- C) Peach
- D) Apricot

4. What natural phenomenon, responsible for the buoyancy of many aquatic creatures, is also a key element in understanding the trajectory of a basketball shot?

- A) Photosynthesis
- B) Gravity**
- C) Evaporation
- D) Capillary action

5. The grip on a basketball is designed to mimic the texture found on the feet of what type of creature, aiding in traction?

- A) Gecko**
- B) Snake
- C) Spider
- D) Frog

6. The stitching on a basketball is often compared to the patterns found on the shell of what type of reptile, providing structural integrity?

- A) Turtle**
- B) Crocodile
- C) Lizard
- D) Alligator

7. The process of inflation for a basketball is similar to how plants absorb water through what natural biological process?

- A) Respiration
- B) Transpiration
- C) Osmosis**
- D) Fermentation

8. The bouncing of a basketball is a demonstration of which fundamental law of physics, also observed in the movement of planets?

- A) Newton's First Law of Motion (Inertia)
- B) Newton's Second Law of Motion (Force and Acceleration)
- C) Newton's Third Law of Motion (Action-Reaction)**
- D) Law of Conservation of Energy

9. The material often used for modern basketball courts, rubber, is derived from the sap of what type of tree?

- A) Oak
- B) Maple
- C) Rubber tree**
- D) Pine

10. The sound of a basketball bouncing is a result of air pressure and vibrations, a phenomenon similar to the resonance produced by what natural object?

- A) Wind chimes
- B) A hollow log
- C) A seashell**
- D) A taut vine