

The Evolution of Basketball

Basketball is a popular sport/ that began in 1891.// Dr. James Naismith,/ a Canadian teacher,/ **invented** it / to keep his students **active**/ during the winter.// At first,/ basketball was played / with a soccer ball and two **peach** baskets.// The goal was to throw the ball into the basket,/ but there was no hole in the bottom,/ so players had to **pause** the game/ to get the ball out.//

Over time,/ the game **evolved**.// Metal **hoops** with nets **replaced** the baskets,/ and new rules were made / to improve the game.// In 1936,/ basketball became an **official** Olympic sport.// More countries started to play,/ and the sport grew **worldwide**.//

In 1946,/ the NBA,/ the **National Basketball Association**,/ was **established** in the United States.// The NBA **gained popularity**,/ and **iconic** players like Michael Jordan/ helped make basketball even more exciting.// Today,/ basketball is played / by millions of people around the world,/ from school **courts** to professional **arenas**.//

バスケットボールは人気のスポーツである / 1891 年に始まった // ジェームズ・ネイスミス博士が / カナダの教師だった / 考案した / 生徒たちを活発に活動させるために / 冬の間 // 最初は / バスケットボールは行われた / サッカーボールと 2 つの桃用のカゴを使って // ゴール (目的) はボールをバスケットに投げ入れることだった / しかし、底に穴がなかったので / 選手たちは試合を一時中断しなければならなかった / ボールを取り出すために //

時が経つにつれて / 試合は進化していった // ネット付きの金属製の輪がバスケットと入れ替わり / 新しいルールが作られた / ゲームを改善するために // 1936 年 / バスケットボールは正式なオリンピックの種目となった // より多くの国がプレーし始め / このスポーツは世界規模になった //

1946 年 / NBA / 全米バスケットボール協会が / アメリカで設立された // NBA は人気を増して / マイケル・ジョーダンのような象徴的な選手が / バスケットボールをさらにエキサイティングなものにした // 今日では / バスケットボールはプレーされている / 世界中で何百万人もの人々に / 学校のコートからプロの競技場まで //

Vocabulary and Phrases

invent	考案する	worldwide	全世界
active	活発な	national	全国
peach	桃	association	協会
pause	一時停止する	establish	設立する
over time	経時的に	gain	得る
evolve	進化する	popularity	人気
hoop	バスケットリング	iconic	象徴的な
replace	置き換える	court	コート
official	正式	arena	競技場

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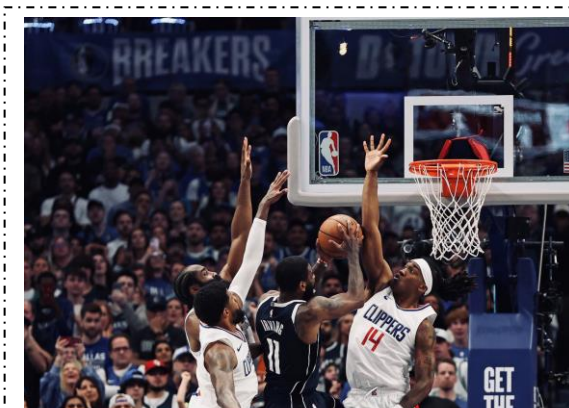
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【Listen & Fill Blank】

Basketball is a _____ sport that began in 1891. Dr. James Naismith, a Canadian teacher, _____ it to keep his students _____ during the winter. At first, basketball was played with a soccer ball and two _____ baskets. The goal was to _____ the ball into the basket, but there was no hole in the _____, so players had to _____ the game to get the ball out.

Over time, the game _____. Metal hoops with nets _____ the baskets, and new rules were made to _____ the game. In 1936, basketball became an official Olympic sport. More countries started to play, and the sport _____ worldwide.

In 1946, the NBA, the National Basketball Association, was _____ in the United States. The NBA gained popularity, and _____ players like Michael Jordan helped make basketball _____ more exciting. Today, basketball is played by _____ of people around the world, from school _____ to professional _____.

【Q&A / A&Q】

Question 1: Why did Dr. James Naismith invent basketball?

Question 2: What was the goal of the first basketball game?

Question 3: When and where was the NBA established?

Ask 1: Dr. James Naismith についての質問を英語で書いてください。

Ask 2: NBA についての質問を英語で書いてください。

Ask 3: 本文について知りたいことを英語で書いてください。

Sample Answer 1: Dr. James Naismith invented basketball to keep his students active during the winter.

Sample Answer 2: The goal of the first basketball game was to throw the soccer ball into the peach basket.

Sample Answer 3: NBA was established in the United States in 1946.

Sample Question 1: How did Dr. James Naismith come up with the idea of basketball?

What sports did Dr. James Naismith teach at first?

Sample Question 2: How many teams were there when the NBA first established?

What other iconic players are there in the NBA?

Sample Question 3: How popular is basketball compared to other ball sports?

Do tall players usually play basketball better?