

How the Snow Led to Basketball

A Have you ever been stuck inside and not able to go out and play? What did you do?

B Well, this happened to James Naismith and he invented the game of basketball. In 1891, James Naismith was working as a P.E. teacher. It was a cold winter and his students were bored and wanted to play a game. They were not able to go outside because it was so cold and snowy.

C Mr. Naismith's boss asked him to make up a game the kids could play inside in the winter. Mr. Naismith was creative and he liked to think of new ideas. So he used a soccer ball and two peach baskets and went to the gym. He hung up the two baskets. Then he explained the rules to the kids. That was the first basketball game!

D Mr. Naismith made 13 rules for basketball. The players could dribble and bounce the ball but they could not move while holding the ball still. They could only use their hands, not their feet or head. Players could not trip or hit other players or they would get a foul. They could pass the ball to other players or throw it into the basket. Each time they threw it in the basket, it would count as a point. Players had to climb up a ladder to get the ball from the basket after every point.

E Two years later, Mr. Naismith traded the peach baskets with baskets almost like the basketball baskets we see today. This was a big change because the old ones were closed nets. That means players still had to climb up a ladder and get the ball after every basket. This new equipment change allowed the game to be restarted much faster.

F Basketball is still a very popular sport today. Kids play basketball all over the world. It is still a great game to play inside when it is snowing!

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RI.3.1

1. Write three questions where the answer could be found in the text. Then find the answer to your question and color it.

1. _____

Color the answer to your question



2. _____

Color the answer to your question



3. _____

Color the answer to your question



2. How was the first game of basketball different from how we play basketball today?

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| Complete Sentences | Cite the Evidence | Restate the Question |
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3. Write one WORD to summarize the following paragraphs:

B _____ C. _____

4. Underline three important words in the text.

5. Summarize how basketball was invented.

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6. Write one WORD that describes the main idea of the text: _____

7. What are three key details in the text that support the main idea?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

8. Describe HOW one of these key details supports the main idea.

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9. Find the underlined word, dribble in the text. Use the context clues to explain what this word means. Circle the words in the text that are a clue to the meaning of the word.

10. Find the underlined word, equipment in the text. Use the context clues to explain what this word means. Circle the words in the text that are a clue to the meaning of the word.

RI.3.3

11. Describe a CAUSE and EFFECT for how basketball was created.

