

Can you jump really high and bounce a ball really fast? Then basketball is the sport for you!



Basketball started in 1891 in the U.S.A. It was very cold in the winter and students wanted a sport to play inside where it was warm. So, a P.E. teacher named James Naismith invented a new sport: basketball.

Naismith put fruit baskets at the ends of the court. The players scored points by throwing balls into the baskets.

Today basketball is a popular sport in Children and teenagers in Ho Chi Minh go to sports centers like Phu Tho or Phan Dinh Phung Stadium to play on basketball courts.



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So try it! You just need a ball, some friends and a basketball hoop.



Saigon Heat is the first Vietnamese professional basketball team. They started playing in the ASEAN Basketball League in 2012. They are famous in Viet Nam and thousands of people watch their matches.

SON DOONG – THE WORLD'S LARGEST CAVE



Son Doong is a cave in Quang Binh province, Viet Nam. It's not a normal cave. It's the world's largest one and has a jungle inside! A local farmer named Ho Khanh first found the small opening to the cave in 1991. There was a strong, cool wind and the sound of water coming out of the opening. He walked into it. The space felt very big. After walking a while, he stopped and went back to his village.

Khanh forgot where the opening one thought Khanh's story of the true. Then in 2009, Khanh and scientists finally found the cave They went inside and were very They found a large underground They also found a jungle! Were the river and jungle outside of the cave? No! They were inside it!



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Tourists can now visit the cave, but it's not easy! If you want to visit the world's largest cave, you need to climb down ropes, cross rivers, climb up walls, and get very muddy!

Dear Xuan,

How are you? I'm having a great time in Nha Trang!



The weather here is very hot and sunny. My family and I go to the beach every day. The beach is fun because you can do lots of things here. I'm going to snorkel this afternoon, and my brother is going to play at the beach.

The food here is amazing. We're eat at a seafood restaurant tonight. going to visit a museum tomorrow. Then we're going to go shopping in town. We're going to buy some presents. I want to buy you a present from Nha Trang.



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We're going to come home next week. I want to show you all my photos!

See you soon.

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WHAT ARE FOSSILS?

Fossils are parts of animals that died a long time ago. You can find fossils in rocks. You can see the shape of the animal. Some fossils are more than 500 million years old.

Why are fossils important?

Fossils tell us about the past. We can learn about types of rocks and we can learn about animals that lived a very long time ago.

Where can you find fossils?

You can find fossils in many places. You can find them on mountains and in lakes. You can find them in rivers and on beaches. You can find them under the ground, too.

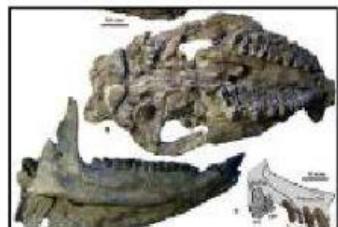
How can I see a fossil?

You can visit museums to look at fossils. The Geological Museum in Ha Noi has a nice collection. You can also look for fossils on the beach. Sometimes you can see them on the sand or in the rocks.



This is a fossil of an *ammonite*. These animals lived in the sea about 400 million years ago. Today, you can find these fossils on beaches in England. Some scientists even found *ammonites* in Da Lat!

This fossil was found in Nha Trang, Viet Nam and was part of a type of rhinoceros that used to live in Viet Nam. From looking at the teeth, think that the rhinoceros used to live in the



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SPECIAL DAYS

My name's Vy, and I'm from Viet Nam.
My favorite day in the school year is Spring Festival. Schools usually have this festival early in the year when the weather is not too hot, often around Vietnamese New Year. We decorate the school using some spring flowers and play some fun games with our teachers. There is usually delicious food and even sweets! Some children play music or do dances for everyone to watch. Our parents usually come, too. The teachers give prizes for children. Everyone has lots of fun.



Hi. I'm Ji-min. In Korea, we have a special day called "Sports Day". We usually have Sports Day in the fall, because the weather is cooler then. It's too hot to run races in the summer. There is a big rehearsal on the day before Sports Day, to make sure that everything will go well the next day. We practice our races and events on the school field. The teachers always make sure that we drink lots of water, because we get hot from all the exercise. There are races for the students, the parents, and even the grandparents. It's a wonderful day, and we all enjoy it.