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BEFORE YOU READ What do you know about the NBA?

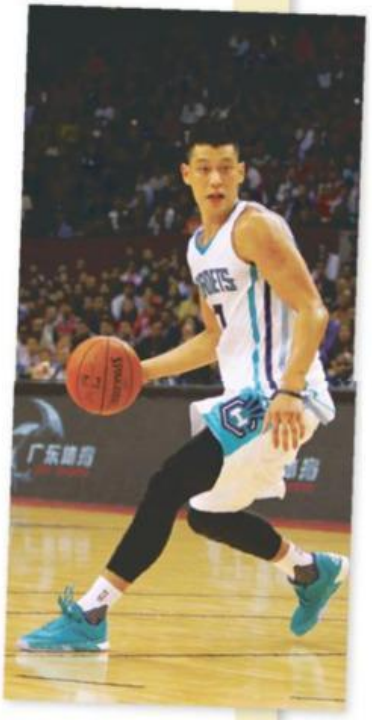
YOU WANT TO PLAY IN THE NBA?

READ ON...

Basketball is a very popular sport all over the world. Young **players** from all countries dream of becoming **professional** players, and they want to play in the best **league** in the world, the NBA (National Basketball Association).

What's it like playing at the top level of this amazing sport?

Professional basketball is a hard, non-stop sport, and the players are very tall and fast. They need a lot of energy, and they need to be very fit. They never stop **training**—in the gym, on the running track, and on the court. When the **season** starts in October, training gets really serious.



Superstar Jeremy Lin was born in California. He is the first Chinese-American to play in the league. He is also the first NBA player to score more than twenty points in his first five games. Jeremy Lin doesn't like running. He usually trains with the basketball in his hand, doing the same **moves** again and again. After training, he often does yoga. And his favorite sport is... soccer! He can't play both sports because they are both in the same season.

CRAZY FACT: Jeremy Lin is 1.91 meters tall, but his parents are only 1.68 meters tall!

2 **Read the article. Complete the questions. Then match them with the answers.**

1. _____ was Jeremy Lin born? ◯
2. _____ does the NBA season start? ◯
3. _____ does Lin like doing after training? ◯
4. _____ tall are his parents? ◯

a. yoga
b. 1.68 meters
c. California.
d. in October.

3 **Read the article again. Choose (✓) *True* or *False*.**

	True	False
1. There are players from all over the world in the NBA.	☐	☐
2. Jeremy Lin is the first Chinese NBA player.	☐	☐
3. NBA players only train on the basketball court.	☐	☐
4. Lin is a professional soccer player, too.	☐	☐

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