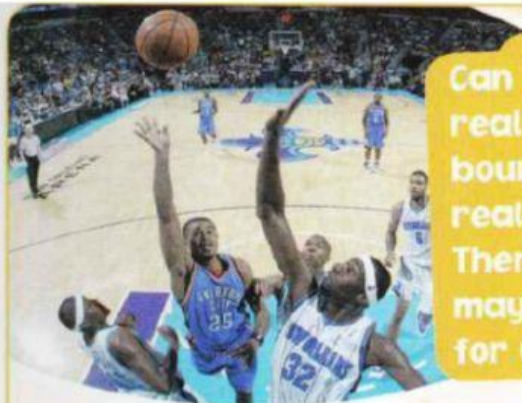


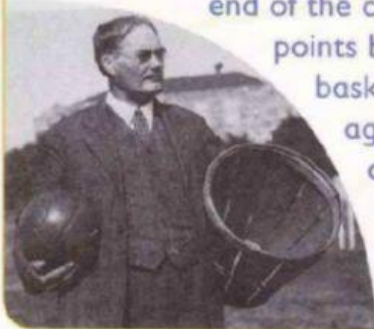
Reading comprehension activity: Listen and read this text, then answer the questions below:



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

Basketball started in 1891 in Canada. The very cold winters meant pupils needed a sport to play inside where it was warm. So, a PE teacher called James Naismith invented a new sport: basketball.

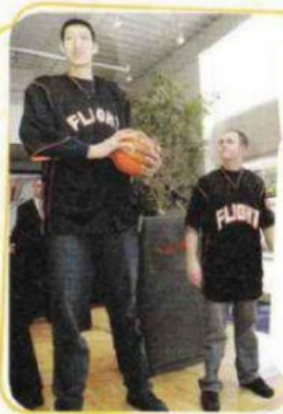
Naismith put fruit baskets onto balconies at each end of the court. The players scored points by throwing balls into the baskets. To get the balls down again, the players had to climb a ladder. So, Naismith made a hole in the bottom of each basket for the ball to fall through.



People continued to play basketball in this way until 1906, when basketball hoops and nets were invented.

With time, basketball spread across the United States and then the whole world. Today people play basketball outdoors, too, and you can often find basketball hoops in parks and gardens.

So try it! You just need a ball, some friends and a basketball hoop. It's a great way to keep fit and healthy.



One of the tallest basketball players is Sun Ming Ming, who is 236cm tall. But you don't have to be tall to play basketball. A very famous player, Muggsy Bogues, is only 160cm.

ITEM I. True or False?

T	F	Basketball started in 1845.
T	F	Basketball started as a Summer necessity.
T	F	an English teacher created Basketball.
T	F	Basketball started with fruit baskets.
T	F	Basketball nets were created in 1906
T	F	Muggsy Bogues is 236 cm tall.

ITEM II. Choose the correct answer:

1. Why did James invent Basketball?

- a) to play at the beach
- b) Because it was really cold outside.
- c) Because his family was bored.

2. Why did students have to climb a ladder in the first games?

- d) To get the ball from the basket
- e) To throw the ball higher.
- f) To run faster.

3. What do you need to play basketball?

- g) You need friends, a ball and a basketball hoop.
- h) You need to be tall and a ball.
- i) You need a ball and 5 players per team.

4. Why did James invent Basketball?

- j) to play at the beach
- k) Because it was really cold outside.
- l) Because his family was bored.

5. Who is Muggsy Bogues?

- m) A very famous and tall basketball player.
- n) A very famous and short basketball player.
- o) The creator of Basketball.

ITEM III. Write these questions in your copybook and answer:

1. Describe the first basketball game played.

2. Do you like basketball? Why?

