**BASKETBALL**

**Warm-up task - discussion:**

What do you associate with basketball?

Is it necessary to be very tall if someone wants to be a successful basketball player?

In pairs, compare basketball to other sports, such as volleyball or handball. Are there many things in common? What are the differences?

**TASK 1 *Basketball Vocabulary***

Complete the table with definitions of the terms, guess the meaning from the context if they are unknown to you.

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| **Word** | **Example sentence** | **Meaning** |
| assist | James won the MVP award with 28 points, nine assists and eight rebounds. | **Example**: a pass to a teammate that leads directly to a goal |
| bounce | Players must bounce the ball on the floor as they run. | **Example**: to rebound after hitting a surface |
| chest pass | Michael threw a quick chest pass, ran forward, and received a bounce pass back. |  |
| dribble | He dribbled past two defenders and then shot for goal. |  |
| foul | Larry's already had four fouls, so if he commits another one he'll be out of the game. |  |
| free throw | Rodney practises his free throws for an hour every day. |  |
| guarding | Guarding is a man-on-man defensive tactic used to counter dangerous players. |  |
| overtime | We won the game by outscoring our opponents in overtime. |  |
| personal foul | Younger players often get over-excited and too aggressive and commit many personal fouls. |  |
| possession | The team whose player commits a violation loses possession of the ball. |  |
| rebound | A lot of goals are scored from rebounds after an opponent's shot misses. |  |
| referees | How many referees are usually on court during a game of basketball? |  |
| shoot | Players earn more points if they shoot from outside the three-point line. |  |
| shot clock | Players have to keep an eye on the shot clock while they are playing. |  |
| slam dunk | Matt drove towards the basket, jumped high into the air and scored with a huge slam dunk. |  |
| substitute | The substitutes sat on the bench and watched as their teammates on the court kept playing. |  |
| technical foul | Their coach got a technical foul for arguing with a referee. |  |
| time-out | Their coach indicated that he wanted a time-out, and the referee stopped the game. |  |
| travelling | Even professional players sometimes get penalized for travelling. |  |
| violation | Two of the most common violations in junior basketball are double-dribbling and travelling. |  |

**Task 2 *Basketball Vocabulary Quiz***

Fill in the missing words.

Začátek formuláře

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| 1. The coach argued with a referee and was given a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ foul.
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| 1. Jenny jumped in the air and scored with a slam \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
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| 1. Travelling, double-dribbling and carrying the ball are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
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| 1. A player must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the ball while running with it.
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| 1. If a coach wants to talk to the players, he calls for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
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| 1. If a player commits a foul, the referee awards a free \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
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| 1. The letters MVP stand for 'most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ player'.
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| 1. A pass that helps the receiver to score is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
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Konec formuláře

**TASK 3 *How the Game Works***

Complete the text with suitable forms of the verbs in brackets, either active or passive.

**Example:** Players pass the ball… (active)

The ball is passed… (passive)

Basketball \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (play) on a rectangular court 28 metres long and 15 metres wide (approx. 92 ft by 49 ft) with a basket at a height of 3.05 metres (10 ft) at each end. Most indoor courts have a floor made of wood. Points \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (score) by throwing the ball through the opponents' basket. A goal scored from inside the three-point line earns two points (see diagram at right), and a goal scored from outside the three-point line earns three points, and goals from free throws earn one point.

NBA games \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (play) over four quarters of twelve minutes. Teams \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (include) twelve players, but only five can be on court at one time. Players can be substituted as often as the coach likes. Each coach has a limited number of time-outs they can call during a game, and the game clock \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (stop) whenever play stops. Several officials \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (oversee) each game, including three on-court referees who call fouls, and table officials who keep score, run the game and shot clocks, and keep track of fouls and substitutions.

**Violations and Fouls**

The ball can be moved by throwing it to another player (called *passing*) or by bouncing it with one hand while running or walking (called *dribbling*). If a player \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (move) both feet without bouncing the ball, he commits a violation called *travelling*. If he uses two hands while dribbling, he commits a violation called *double-dribbling*. If a player's hand moves under the ball while dribbling, he commits a violation called *carrying the ball*. Violations are also committed when time-limits \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (exceed), and usually result in a free inbound pass for the opposition team.

A *personal foul*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (commit) when a player challenges another player unfairly, such as by blocking their run or hitting their arms. A player or coach who argues with a referee commits a *technical foul*. Fouls can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (punish) with a free inbound pass, free throws at goal, or with sending off. A player who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (commit) five fouls, or six in the NBA, can no longer take part in the game and is said to have been 'fouled out'.

(<http://www.englishclub.com/vocabulary/sports-basketball.htm#vocab>)

**TASK 4 Follow-up**

In pairs, take it in turns to describe the main rules of the game.