

Intermediate 2
Unit 6 Dialog
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Basketball Game



Dr. James Naismith



basketball = hoops (informal)

Basketball is originally an American sport. It was invented by Dr. James Naismith in 1891. Dr. James Naismith was a Canadian-American physical educator, physician, and sports coach, best known as the inventor of the game of basketball. He designed the game in 1891 while he was teaching at the International YMCA Training School in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Basketball is played by two teams of five players each on a rectangular court with a hoop at each end. The objective is to score points by shooting the ball through the opponent's hoop, which is 10 feet high. Players move the ball by dribbling or passing, and the game is divided into four quarters. The team with the most points at the end wins. Key rules include avoiding violations like traveling (moving without dribbling) and fouls (illegal physical contact).

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Ralph and Gary are talking about an NBA basketball game.

NBA = National Basketball Association

game (American) = **match** (British)

game = a particular competition, match, or occasion when people play a game

Ralph: Did you watch the game last night?

Gary: I sure did. I wouldn't have missed it for anything!

I wouldn't have missed it for anything. = Under any conditions, I would have watched it.

Ralph: I think it was one of the best games I've ever seen.

Gary: Me too. I thought both teams played super ball.

play super ball = play very well

Ralph: Too bad one had to lose.

Gary: Yeah, they were evenly matched. It could have gone either way.

Point:

Basketball games can't end in a draw and each game has to have a winner.

draw = (*especially British English*) a game in which both teams or players finish with the same number of points

end in a draw = end in a tie

tie = a situation in a game or competition when two or more players have the same score

- *The match ended in a tie.*
- *They could only manage a goalless draw at Upton Park.*
- *He managed to hold Smith to a draw (= to stop him from winning when he seemed likely to do so).*

lose ≠ win

lose → lost, lost

win → won, won

They were evenly matched. = They were at the same level. = They were equally good.

It could have gone either way. = Both teams deserved to win.

Ralph: The shot that won in the last fifteen seconds was really something.

Gary: I agree with you there.

shoot (verb) = to try to score points for yourself or your team, in sports involving a ball, by kicking, hitting, or throwing the ball towards the goal

- *He should have shot instead of passing.*
- *Marta shot wide (= missed the goal), but scored minutes later.*
- *He shot from the middle of the field and still managed to score.*
- *After school we'd be on the driveway shooting hoops (= playing basketball).*
- *She stands in the driveway for hours in the evening, shooting baskets (= playing basketball).*

shot (noun) = a kick, hit, or throw of the ball that is intended to score points in a sport such as cricket, football, tennis, or golf

- *Taylor scored with a low shot into the corner of the net.*
- *She turned and hit a shot that looked like a certain goal.*
- *A defender managed to block his shot.*
- *Unfortunately, her shot at goal missed.*
- *England had a few shots on goal.*

was really something = was very impressive

I agree with you there. = I agree with you about it.

Full Text:

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Sample Summary:

Ralph and Gary are both impressed by the basketball game they watched on TV last night, which was very close and exciting until the end. They praise both teams for their performance and agree on the amazing shot that decided the game. In fact, a player "nailed the buzzer beater", which means the player "had an impressive shot at the end of the game"!

Terms and Phrases

Basketball is a sport that has a lot of slang terms and phrases that are used by sportscasters and commentators to describe the action on the court. Some of these sentences are:

He shoots, he scores!

A simple but classic way to announce a successful field goal.

He's on fire!

A phrase used to describe a player who is making a lot of shots in a row or having a great performance.

He throws it down!

A way to describe a powerful slam dunk that rattles the rim.

He crosses him over!

A way to describe a dribbling move that fakes out the defender and leaves him behind.

He drains the three!

A way to describe a successful three-point shot that swishes through the net.

He dishes it out!

A way to describe a pass that sets up a teammate for an easy basket.

He blocks the shot!

A way to describe a defensive play that prevents the opponent from scoring by swatting the ball away.

He steals the ball!

A way to describe a defensive play that takes the ball away from the opponent by intercepting a pass or poking it loose.

He draws the foul!

A way to describe an offensive play that forces the defender to commit a foul by making contact with the shooter or the ball handler.

He nails the buzzer beater!

A way to describe a dramatic shot that is made right before the end of a quarter or a game.

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