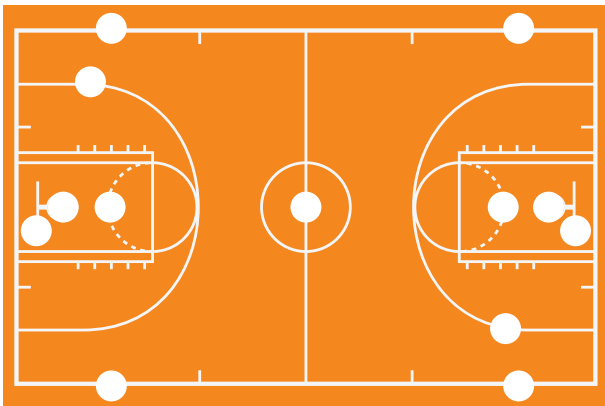


Matching Game: The Basketball Court

Basketball is a popular ball game of American origin invented by Canadian physical education instructor James Naismith in 1891. It is a team sport played on a rectangular court in which two teams of five players each must score points by throwing a ball into a hoop, also known as a basket. Men's basketball has been part of the Summer Olympics since Berlin, Germany in 1936 and women's basketball since 1976 in Montreal, Canada.

Watch the video in the Michael Jordan display. Which of the parts of the court can you see? Match them to the diagram below:

1. Basket and Net
2. Backboard
3. Painted key area
4. Centre Circle
5. Sideline
6. Three-point line



Extra Task: Can you see Michael Jordan in the video?
(Hint: he is wearing the number 23)

Fact Box: MJ's Air Jordans

Check out the Air Jordan VII custom basketball shoes, worn by Michael Jordan during the 1991-92 NBA season while a member of the Chicago Bulls. What do you think his shoe size is? Do you think being tall and having big feet is an advantage in basketball?

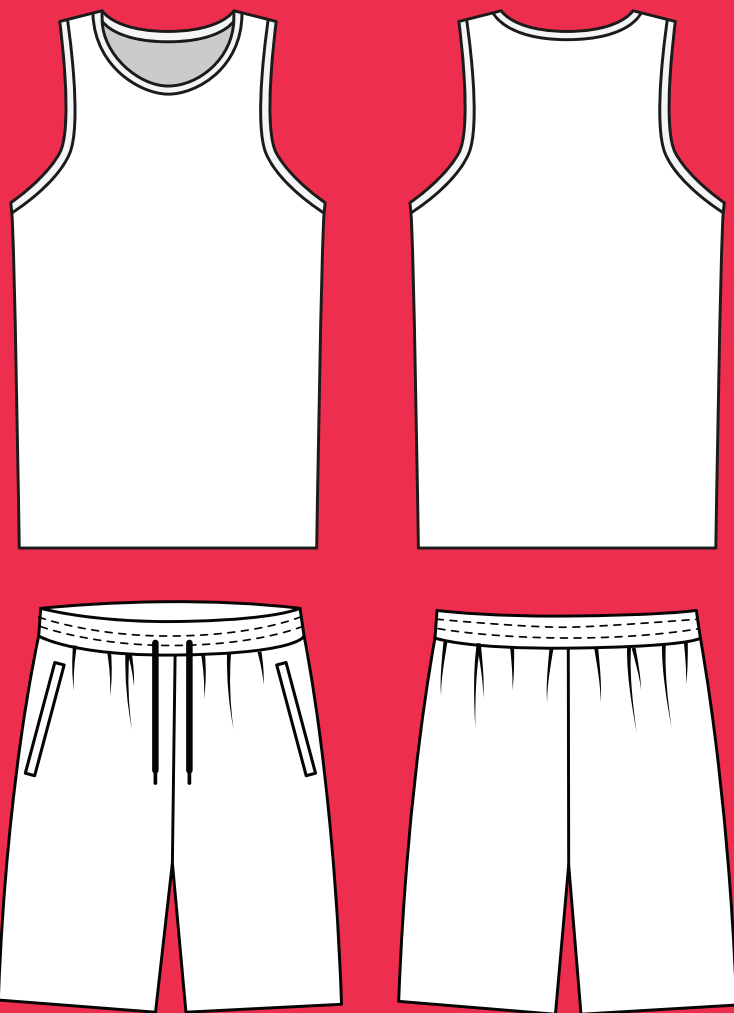
MICHAEL JORDAN OLYMPIC BASKETBALL



Can a man fly? If you watch Michael Jordan doing one of his spectacular, gravity-defying slam dunks, you'll think so. You'll also see why people called him 'Air Jordan' and 'His Airness'. The most famous basketball player of all time, Jordan became world-famous as part of the United States basketball 'Dream Team' that won gold medals at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles and the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. He also led his home team the Chicago Bulls to six championship victories between 1991 and 1998. Over his 15 seasons in the National Basketball Association (NBA), he was nominated Most Valuable Player five times.

Design a Basketball Shirt and Shorts

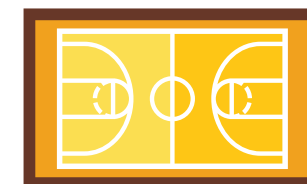
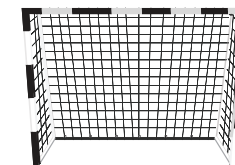
Basketball vests and shorts represent the team's local city or region. They usually have the player's number on the front and back, the team's name on the front, and the player's name across the top of the back. Make up your own team and choose a number that means something to you. Remember to use bright colours and an eye-catching design.



Pick the Odd One Out

One of the following items is not used in basketball.

Circle the odd one out:



Michael Jordan Quiz

Tick the correct answer.

Tip: some may contain more than one correct answer:

1. Which American NBA team did Michael Jordan play for?

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| A. Boston Celtics | C. New York Knicks |
| B. Chicago Bulls | D. Miami Heat |

2. What was Michael Jordan known for?

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| A. Gravity-defying jumps | C. Shooting, passing and defending |
| B. Amazing dunks | D. Running very fast |

3. What are Michael Jordan's nicknames?

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| A. Air Jordan | C. Big Air |
| B. Captain Lightening | D. His Airness |