



Basketball Vocabulary: Read, Match, Explain



FAMILY LEARNING | FICTIONAL PRACTICE

GRADES 3-5



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STORY

Read the story, then answer the questions.



Words to use

Pass: send the ball to a teammate.



Dribble: bounce the ball while controlling it.



Rebound: gain the ball after a missed shot.



Assist: a pass credited with helping a teammate score.



Possession: the time a team controls the ball.



Defender: a player working to prevent the other team from scoring.



A fictional practice



Ari dribbled toward the basket. A defender moved closer. Ari passed to Jo, who took a shot. The ball hit the rim and came off. Sam caught the rebound. On the next possession, Sam passed to Ari for a made basket.



READING

Fill in the bubble for the best answer. Write full sentences.


1 Which word means gaining the ball after a missed shot?


(A) Pass

(B) Rebound



(C) Assist

(D) Dribble



2 Who acts as the defender in the passage?

3 Explain why Jo's missed shot does not make Ari's first pass an assist.

4 Write a new two-sentence scene using dribble and pass correctly.

ANSWER KEY

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About 15 minutes

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READING

1 B Rebound

Sam gains the ball after Jo misses.

2 What a good answer includes:

The passage describes the defender approaching Ari; it does not give the defender a name.

3 What a good answer includes:

The definition connects an assist to a made basket, not simply to any pass.

4 What a good answer includes:

The scene should show controlled bouncing and sending the ball to a teammate.