

Read the following passage and answer the questions below:

## **The History of Basketball**

In 1891, a Canadian sports teacher that worked in an American school in Massachusetts invented a new game. His name was James Naismith.

James decided to create a game for his lazy students. They had to keep fit but they couldn't go outside because it was a very cold winter. They had to play in the gym.

He took two old peach baskets that he saw on the floor and put them on the wall. Then, he organized the students in two teams, and he asked them to pass a big round ball and throw it into the baskets. This is how James Naismith invented basketball.

His students loved the game and learnt the 13 rules that their teacher made. Soon it became very popular in the USA.

Today basketball is still a very popular team game. Millions of people play this sport all over the world. And there are excellent basketball players.

1) Read sentences and tick true or false:

1- James Naismith was Canadian. ( )

2- He had very good students. ( )

3- They played with a small ball. ( )

4- The students were interested in the game. ( )



5- Basketball is very popular today. ( )

Answer the following questions:

1- What was James Naismith's job?

a- A swimming coach.      b- A sports teacher.      C- A cashier

2- When did Naismith invent Basketball?

a- In 1891                      b- In 1981                      C- In 1991

3- Why did they have to play in the gym?

A- Because basketball is a difficult game. B- To get more fun.

C- Because it was a very cold winter.

4- Which baskets did he use to play the first game?

A- Two old peach baskets.      B- Square baskets.      C- New orange baskets.

5- How many rules did the game have?

-12 rules.                      B- 13 rules.                      C- 14 rules.

## Maze

### Practice 1

Read the text and choose the correct answer from a, b or c:

I play many sports, but my favorite one is badminton. I play it once (1) \_\_\_\_\_. You need a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to play badminton. My friend can't (3) \_\_\_\_\_ racquet sports. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in the spot to warm up before you play. I want to win a gold (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in the next sports competition.

1. A) week                      B) weeks                      C) a week
2. A) shuttlecock              B) goggles                      C) swimwear
3. A) plays                      B) play                          C) to play
4. A) Run                        B) Runs                          C) Ran
5. A) sport                      B) silver                          C) medal

## Practice 2

Read the text and choose the correct answer from a, b or c.

Saeed is a good boy. He (1) \_\_\_\_\_ school so much. He (2) \_\_\_\_\_ goes to school. At school, he is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ football with his friends. In Saeed's classroom, there (4) \_\_\_\_\_ blue chairs and the wall is blue too. There are some flowers on the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ table.

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| 1. A) like      | b) liking | c) likes    |
| 2. A) sometimes | b) always | c) never    |
| 3. A) plays     | b) play   | c) playing  |
| 4. A) is        | b) are    | c) am       |
| 5. A) teacher's | b) teach  | c) teachers |