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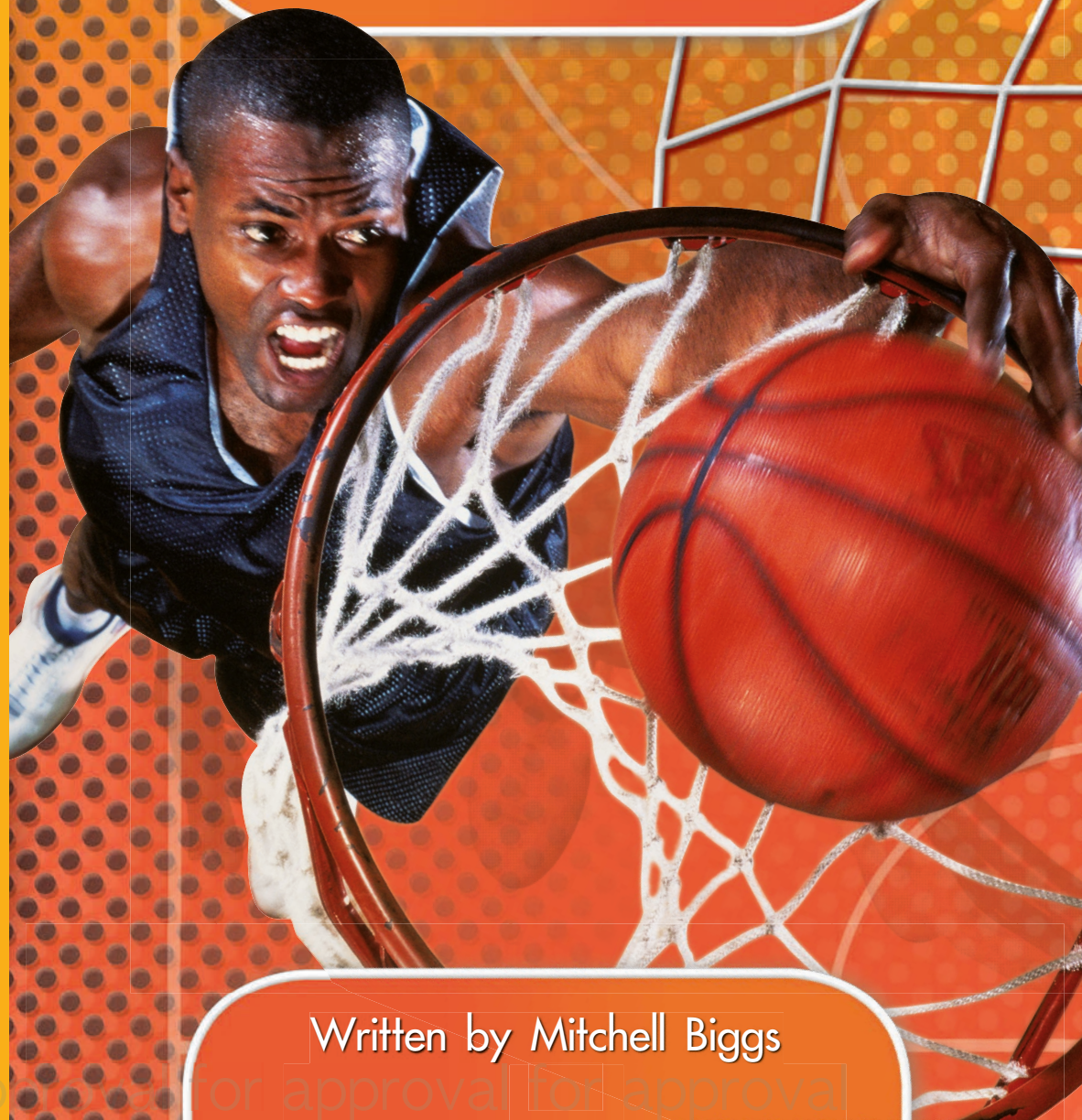
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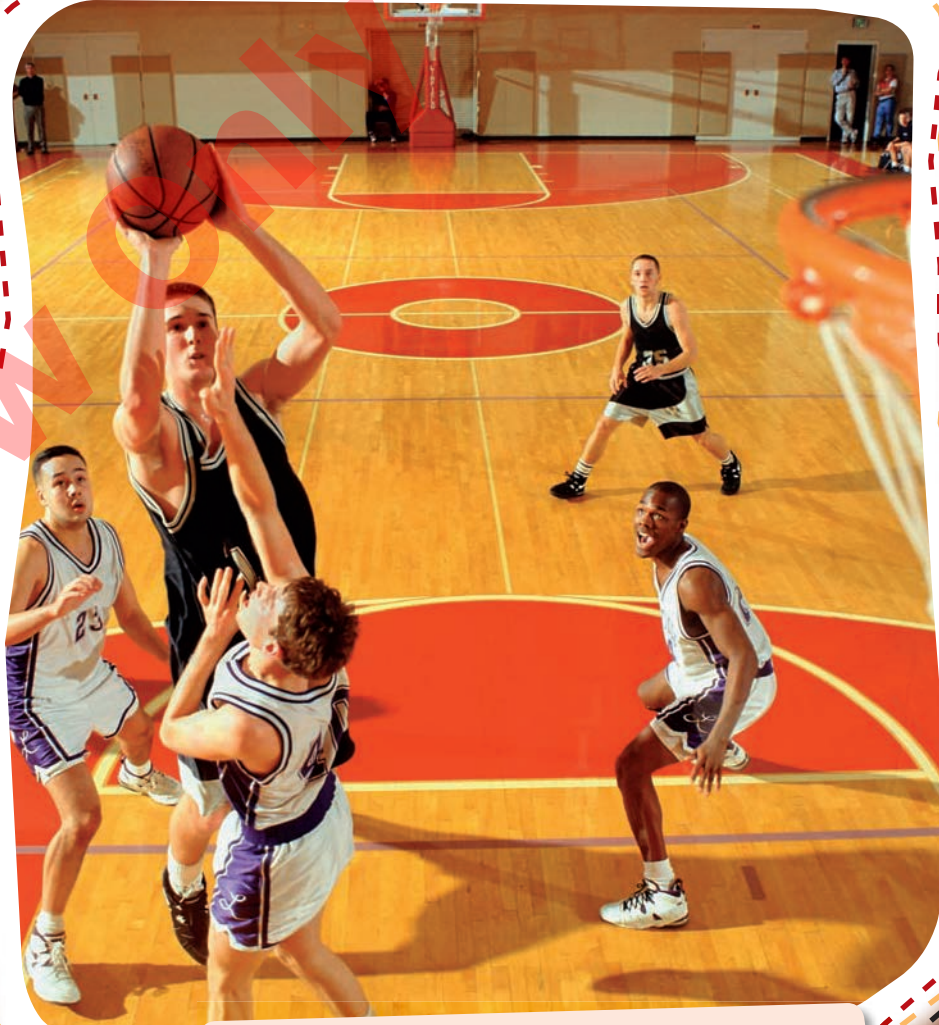
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Introduction



Basketball is a good team sport.
People play basketball across the world.
It is a fast, active game.

A game of basketball
has two teams of five people.
They play with a basketball
on a basketball court.

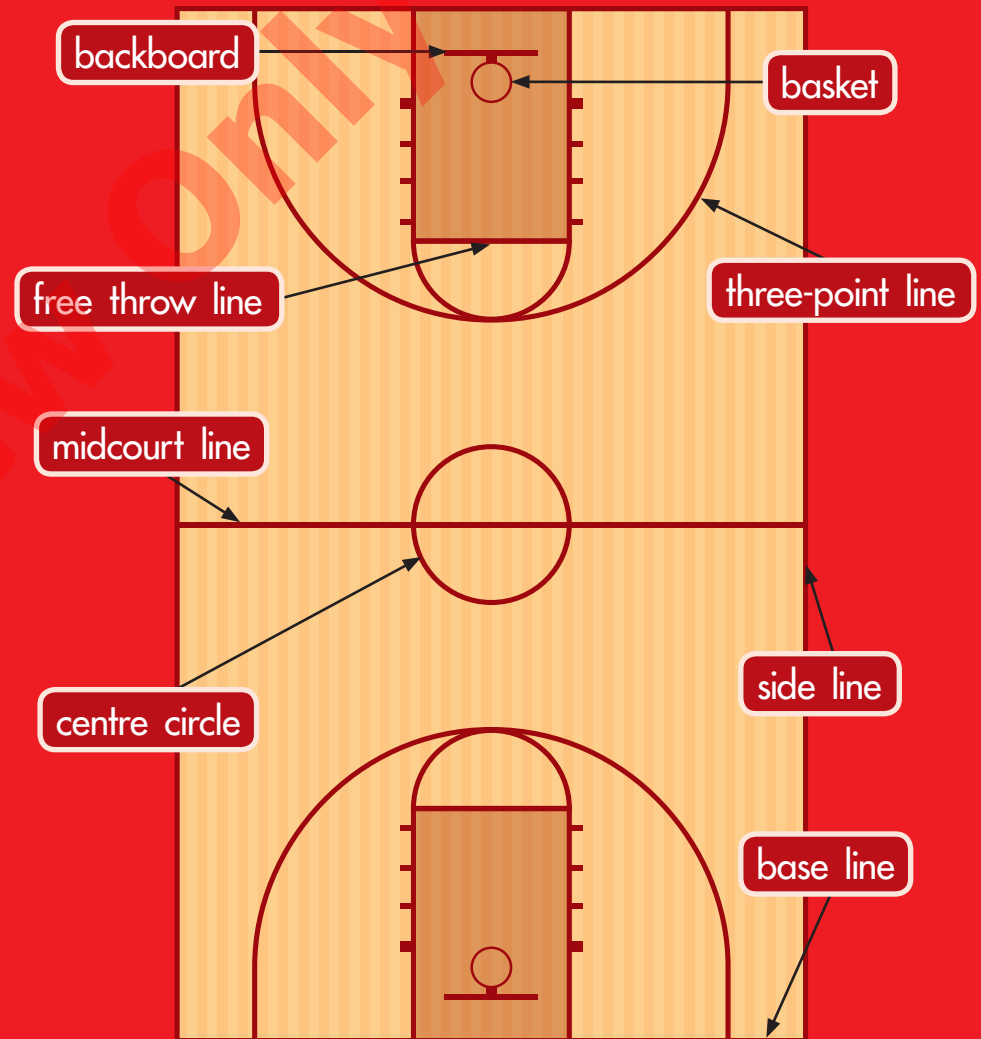


Basketball is a very exciting sport.

The basketball court has a high basket on a pole at each end. Each team tries to throw the ball into the opposing team's basket. They do this to earn points. The team with the most points wins. Most basketball games have four quarters lasting 12 minutes each.



A Basketball Court



Moving the Ball



Players move the ball up the court together to get to the basket to score.

When a team is trying to score, it is attacking, or on **offence**.

Players can run with the ball.

But they must keep bouncing it as they run.

They can only bounce it with one hand at a time.

This is called **dribbling**.

If a player moves both feet without bouncing the ball,

it is a breach of the rules called a **violation**.

This gives the ball to the opposite team.



This boy is dribbling a basketball.