

BASKETBALL TRIVIA QUESTIONS



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1> What basketball star devoted an entire chapter of his autobiography, *As Bad As I Wanna Be*, to his kinky affair with Madonna?

- a. Dennis Rodman
- b. Magic Johnson
- c. Karl Malone
- d. Michael Jordan

2> In 1971-72, what NBA team set a record by winning 33 straight games and won 69 in all?

- a. Boston Celtics
- b. Philadelphia 76ers
- c. Los Angeles Lakers
- d. Detroit Pistons

3> Despite a severe thigh injury in Game 5 of the 1970 NBA Finals, Willis Reed limped back into Game 7, to help what team defeat the Lakers?

- a. Boston Celtics
- b. Milwaukee Bucks
- c. New York Knicks
- d. Philadelphia 76ers

4> What basketball player with a Superman tattoo could catch bad guys himself as a reserve officer with the LA Port Police?

- a. Shaquille O'Neal
- b. Grant Hill
- c. Kobe Bryant
- d. Tim Duncan

5> What city's Maple Leaf Gardens hosted the very first NBA game on November 1, 1946, when the Knicks beat the Huskies, 68-66?

- a. Toronto
- b. Buffalo
- c. Detroit
- d. Ottawa

6> Who was the first person elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame as both a player and a coach, in 1959 and 1972 respectively?

- a. John Wooden
- b. Bill Sharman
- c. Lenny Wilkens
- d. Larry Byrd

7> What rapper and b-baller has earned two Razzie nominations for his questionable "acting" skills in such movies as Blue Chips and Steel?

- a. LeBron James
- b. Shaquille O'Neal
- c. Michael Jordan
- d. Dennis Rodman

8> Tim Duncan switched from swimming to basketball after the only Olympic swimming pool on his island was destroyed by Hurricane Hugo. What island was this?

- a. St Croix, Virgin Islands
- b. Guam
- c. Oahu
- d. Puerto Rico

9> What future NBA rebounder worked on the graveyard shift at the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, until a growth spurt suggested better things?

- a. Scottie Pippen
- b. Gary Payton
- c. Dennis Rodman
- d. Dikembe Mutombo

10> Playing for the Los Angeles Sparks, who was the first woman to score a dunk basket in the WNBA?

- a. Sheryl Swoopes
- b. Cynthia Cooper
- c. Lisa Leslie
- d. Sue Bird

Answers:

1> Dennis Rodman - In 1996, barely a quarter of the \$13 million he earned came from basketball. The rest came from endorsements and his best-selling book, *Bad as I Wanna Be*.

2> Los Angeles Lakers - Nevertheless, they still lost the NBA Championship, to the Knicks.

3> New York Knicks - They also beat the Lakers in 1972, for their only two 20th-century championships.

4> Shaquille O'Neal - When he moved to the Heat, he became a reserve officer in the Miami Beach Police Department.

5> Toronto - In the 1940s, pro basketball teams were often owned by hockey owners trying to fill dates between games.

6> John Wooden - He led the UCLA Bruins to 10 championships in 12 years in the late 1960s and early 1970s, thanks to players such as Lew Alcindor and Bill Walton.

7> Shaquille O'Neal - He was also in Shazam and in 1993, he released the rap album *Shaq Diesel*

8> St Croix, Virgin Islands - He didn't start playing organized basketball until the ninth grade.

9> Dennis Rodman - He was famous for wearing punk haircuts, weird tattoos and women's clothes.

10> Lisa Leslie - In 2008. Candace Parker became the second WNBA player to score a slam dunk.