

**B** 1891

**basketball**  
noun  
/'bæs-ket-bɔ:l/  
/'bɑ:skɪtbɔ:l/

game played with two teams of five.  
a way of life.  
definition

**Fd**  
forward  
noun  
/'fɔ:wəd/

the two basketball players on the team that are responsible for rebounding and scoring close up to the basket. They are usually taller than the guards.  
definition

small forward  
well-rounded set of skills  
power forward  
the Pf is often one of the most physical players on the court. Playing close to the basket, fighting for rebounds and posting up on offence. Pf should be tall & strong.  
definition

**PG**  
point-guard  
verb  
/'gɑ:d/

the leader on court, the ball handler. Should be smart and unselfish leaders.  
definition

**SG**  
shooting (off) guard  
verb  
/'gɑ:d/

the SG is the main scorer on court.  
definition

**CT**  
centre  
noun  
/'sentə/

the player who is positioned near the basket and is typically tallest on the team.  
definition

**Fs**  
14 seconds  
noun

the amount of time a team can take to make a shot after a rebound of the ring.  
definition

**C**  
court  
noun  
/'kɔ:t/

the area bounded by 2 sidelines and 2 end lines containing a basket at each end.  
definition

**Bl**  
base line  
noun  
-

the boundary line behind each basket; also called the end line.  
definition

**El**  
end line  
noun  
-

the boundary line behind each basket; also called the baseline.  
definition

**Sl**  
side line  
noun  
-

the boundary line on each side of the court.  
definition

**Fg**  
field-goal  
noun

a two-point basket scored within the three-point line (also know as a two point score)  
definition

**Tr**  
three-point  
noun

three-point basket scored outside the three-point line.  
definition

**TP**  
two-point  
noun

two-point basket scored within the three-point line (also know as a field goal)  
definition

**Op**  
one-point  
noun

a point scored from the free-throw line.  
definition

**At**  
Act of Shooting  
noun

being fouled while attempting to make a field-goal. You are then given two or three free-throws.  
definition

**Fo**  
5 seconds  
noun

the amount of time a player has to inbound the ball, take a free-throw or pass the ball if closely guarded.  
definition

**Ck**  
clock  
noun  
/'klɒk/

recording the amount of time left during the quarter/game.  
definition

**Bd**  
backboard  
noun  
/'bækbɔ:d/

the back of where the basketball net is mounted.  
definition

**Ke**  
key, the  
noun

the restricted area of an attack on the basket, this is also where the free-throws are taken.  
definition

**Sh**  
shot-clock  
noun  
-

a device displaying the amount of time a team has to shoot. Also known as the 24' clock.  
definition

**A**  
assist  
verb  
/'ə'sɪst/

assist a player on a 'play' or to assist; by means of assist for a basket.  
definition

**Ao**  
alley-oop  
noun  
/'æli'ʊp/

a pass high above the basketball rim that allows a player to catch and slam dunk or drop in the ball in one motion.  
definition

**Cp**  
chest pass  
verb  
/'tʃest/ 'pɑ:s/

the basketball is passed directly from the passer's chest.  
definition

**Bp**  
bounce pass  
verb  
/'bəʊns/ 'pɑ:s/

the basketball bounces about two-thirds of the way from the passer to the receiver.  
definition

**Jb**  
jump-ball  
noun  
-

A ball put in play by the referee, who throws it up between two opposing players. When two players with no clear possession of the ball.  
definition

**AO**  
And-one  
noun

while making a field-goal and being fouled while doing so. You are given a free-throw.  
definition

**Cb**  
carrying (the ball)  
noun  
/'kærɪ/

similar to traveling. When a basketball player moves with the ball without properly dribbling it.  
definition

**Rf**  
referee  
noun

the referee is the one with the whistle and calls players on their fouls and violations.  
definition

**FT**  
free-throw  
noun  
-

the line where a player takes one or more free-throws unopposed.  
definition

**PA**  
Possession Arrow  
noun

the arrow the table uses to signal the direction of play after a jump-ball situation.  
definition

**TO**  
time-out  
noun

a period of the game, where a coach can call a 60 second period with their team to talk about tactics.  
definition

**Su**  
substitution  
noun

this is a player substituting for another on court. This request goes through the table officials.  
definition

**Ab**  
air-ball  
noun  
/'e(ə)r bɔ:l/ /'e(ə)r bɔ:l/

a basketball shot that misses everything; net, backboard, and rim.  
definition

**D**  
defence  
verb  
/'dɪfens/

the act of preventing the offence from scoring; the basketball team without the ball.  
definition

**Bs**  
blocked shot  
noun  
/'blɒk/ /'ʃɒt/

a defensive basketball player makes contact with the basketball while another player is shooting the ball.  
definition

**Bo<sub>1</sub>**  
block/box-out  
noun  
/'blɒk/ /'bɒksaʊt/

getting your body between the basketball player and the basket to get a rebound.  
definition

**Js**  
jump-stop  
noun  
-

a style of stopping after dribbling, landing in a position with both feet.  
definition

**In**  
Interference  
noun

where a player interferes with the ring or backboard when the ball is on its downward arc from a shot. Resulting in two-points.  
definition

**Lv**  
Line Violation  
noun

the player with the ball, infringing their foot all the way over the line, free-throw, side or base line.  
definition

**Rc**  
crew chief  
noun

the crew chief is the referee that oversees the officiating team; the referees and the table officials.  
definition

**To**  
24-operator  
noun

the table operator responsible for the operation of the 24 clock.  
definition

**Cc**  
clock-operator  
noun

the table operator responsible for the time-keeping of the game. Normally an electronic scoreboard.  
definition

**Sr**  
scorer  
noun

the table operator that records the game on the score sheet.  
definition

**Sc**  
score sheet  
noun

where the points, fouls and time-outs are recorded for the official record of the game.  
definition

**Dt**  
double-team  
verb  
-

when two basketball teammates join efforts in guarding a single opponent.  
definition

**Db**  
dribbling  
verb  
/'dɪb(ə)l/

the act of bouncing the basketball continuously.  
definition

**Dk**  
dunk  
verb / noun  
/'dʌŋk/

when a player close to the basket jumps and strongly throws the ball down into it.  
definition

**St<sub>1</sub>**  
shot  
noun  
/'ʃɒt/

player with the ball takes a shot towards or into their opponents basket.  
definition

**Sc**  
screen  
verb  
/'skri:n/

when the offensive basketball player stands between a teammate and a defender to give his teammate the chance to take an open shot.  
definition

**Tf**  
24 seconds  
noun

the amount of time a team can take to make a shot.  
definition

**Es**  
8 seconds  
noun

the amount of time your team has to get the ball over the half-way line.  
definition

**F**  
foul (personal)  
noun  
/'faʊl/

contact between basketball players that may result in injury or provide one team with an unfair advantage; players may not push, hold, trip, hack, elbow, restrain or charge into an opponent.  
definition

**U**  
unsportsmanlike  
adjective  
/'ʌns'pɔ:tsmənlaɪk/

a personal foul for a player who acted unsportsmanlike. Normally, with no intent to go for the basketball or from behind a player. To intentionally stop player.  
definition

**DS**  
disqualifying foul  
adjective

a DS is a foul that the referee deems serious that you are no longer permitted in the game.  
definition

**CF**  
charging  
verb  
/'tʃɑ:dʒ/

an offensive foul which occurs when an offensive basketball player runs into a defender who has established position on court.  
definition

**T**  
technical (foul)  
noun - basketball  
-

a foul which does not involve contact between opponents.  
definition

**Lu**  
lay-up  
noun  
-

a one-handed shot made from near the basket, especially one that rebounds off the backboard.  
definition

**Fb**  
fast-break  
noun  
-

A swift attack from a defensive position.  
definition

**Rb**  
rebound  
verb  
/'rɪbaʊnd/-

Gain possession of a missed shot after it bounces off the backboard or basket rim.  
definition

**St<sub>2</sub>**  
shot  
noun  
/'ʃɒt/

when a player informs his or her team that an offensive player is about to or has shot for the basket.  
definition

**Tu**  
turnover  
noun  
/'trʌvəlɪŋ/

a loss of possession of the ball to the opposing team.  
definition

**Bc**  
back court  
noun

once a player legally take the ball into the front court, but passes it back into their own half.  
definition

**Ts**  
3 seconds  
noun

the amount of time a player can spend in their opponents Key.  
definition

**Hc**  
hand-check  
noun  
-

a player committing a foul by making contact with the players hand.  
definition

**Lv**  
Leaving the court  
noun

a player leaving the court when the game is in progress.  
definition

**Bo<sub>2</sub>**  
block  
noun  
/'blɒk/

getting your body between the basketball player in an illegal attempt to stop the player.  
definition

**OF**  
offensive foul  
verb  
/'ɒfensɪv/ /'faʊl/

an offensive foul which occurs when an offensive basketball player runs into a defender who has established position on court.  
definition

**DF**  
double foul  
verb  
/'faʊl/

an offensive foul which occurs when an offensive basketball player runs into a defender who has established position on court.  
definition

**O**  
offence  
noun  
'ɒfens/ /'ə'fens/

the team with possession of the ball.  
definition

**Z**  
zone  
verb  
/'zɔ:n/ /'zəʊn/

a formation (normally 2-1-2), a type of defence.  
definition

**Bl**  
ball  
verb  
/'bɔ:l/

the item used to play the game. Normally of high quality and a good grip.  
definition

**Bl<sub>2</sub>**  
ball  
noun  
/'bɔ:l/

when a player verbalises the word to distract their opponent.  
definition

**D**  
dead  
noun  
-

when a player verbalises to his or her teammates that their opponent has no other others.  
definition

**T**  
travelling  
noun  
/'trʌvəlɪŋ/

the action of taking more than the allowed number of steps while holding the ball without dribbling it.  
definition

**Dd**  
double dribble  
noun

an infraction, resulting in loss of possession of the ball, occurring either when a player uses both hands simultaneously when dribbling or when a player interrupts a dribble by holding the ball momentarily in one or both hands.  
definition